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IDLI-SAMBAR COULD REALLY 'BREAK' THE ICE?

The highly publicized breakfast meeting between Siddu and DKS appeared to merely 'melt' the ice, as both leaders indicated that the 'next move' is now up to the Congress high command.

We both just had breakfast and decided that whatever decision the high command takes, both of us will obey. There are no differences between DK Shivakumar and me...Some media reporters have created the confusion. They (BJP and JDS) are saying that no no-confidence motion will be moved. We will face it.
—Siddaramaiah, Chief Minister

As far as the leadership issue is concerned, we follow our party high command. Whatever they say, it is our decision. We have been loyal soldiers of the party. Today, we discussed our strategy for the 2028 assembly elections and how to deal with the opposition. They may try to raise many issues. We are prepared to respond...
— DK Shivakumar, Deputy Chief

You can see what is happening in Karnataka, in Bengaluru... Nothing will happen. The Congress will be united as always. They are together now in Bengaluru
— KC Venugopal, Congress MP

BREAKFAST OVER! WHAT NEXT?

Bengaluru

The much-watched breakfast meeting between Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and DyCM DK Shivakumar has reportedly failed to break the political ice with both leaders stating that the issue now rests with the Congress high command. Though they claim to have decided to present a united face before the state people, both the leaders stated that they will "move together as per the high command's directions".

It's just a break meeting: Ashoka

Opposition Leader in the Assembly R Ashoka, however, mocked the breakfast meet, saying the meeting had no significance. Calling it a "break meeting, not a breakfast meeting," he claimed the Congress high command was not bothered. "Nothing will come out of this. The CM will not step down, and Shivakumar will not stop trying."

BENGALURU

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and his deputy D K Shivakumar on Saturday sought to project a united front after days of uncertainty over a possible change of guard in Karnataka.

After an hour-long breakfast over idli-sambar and upma at the CM's residence 'Kaveri' on Saturday morning, both the leaders signaled a truce in their power struggle and put up a show of unity, saying any decision regarding a change of guard would be taken by the Congress high command.

Addressing a joint press conference, Siddaramaiah dismissed reports of rifts within the Congress, insisting there was "no confusion" in the government or the party.

"As far as I know, some MLAs want to become ministers, so they might have gone to meet the high command.

That does not mean they are against the leadership," he said, adding that several legislators had already explained to him why they travelled to Delhi. On the breakfast meeting, the CM said they both "just had breakfast" after Congress general secretary (organisation) KC Venugopal asked him to invite DK Shivakumar and AS Ponnanna (CM's legal advisor).

'We have no differences'

Reiterating that both he and Shivakumar would abide by the party high command's decisions, Siddaramaiah said, "We have decided that we will follow whatever the high command says. There will be no confusion from tomorrow. There is no confusion even now. Some media reporters have created the confusion."

"The winter session will begin in Belagavi from December 8. We have faced the opposition effectively and will continue to face them," he said.

'BJP-JD(S) spreading false allegations'

Taking aim at the Opposition, the CM said the BJP and JD(S) were spreading "false allegations" and making empty claims about moving a no-confidence motion. "They are only 60 and the JD(S) is 18. They cannot match our numbers. We are 140. This is a futile exercise. We will counter their false allegations effectively. We have formulated the necessary strategies for that," he said.

Op Sindoor brilliant example of civil-military fusion: Rajnath Singh

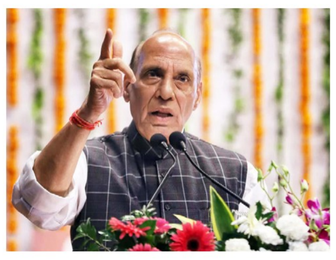
NEW DELHI

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said on Saturday said Operation Sindoor is a "brilliant example" of civil-military fusion, where the administrative machinery worked seamlessly with the armed forces to communicate vital information and build public confidence.

He was addressing the valedictory ceremony of the 100th Common Foundation Course at the Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration (LBSNAA) in Uttarakhand's Mussoorie.

Singh called upon young civil servants to understand their crucial role in safeguarding national interests akin to brave soldiers who always stay ready for such critical situations. He asserted that during Operation Sindoor, the armed forces destroyed the terror camps in Pakistan and PoK in a "balanced and non-escalatory response, but it was the misbehaviour of the neighbouring country which did not allow the situation along the border to return to normal."

While he commended the bravery of the soldiers, he lauded the work carried out by the administrative officers as they communicated crucial information and ensured successful conduct of mock drills across the country.



'Civil servants should understand their crucial role in safeguarding national interests akin to brave soldiers'

SL declares emergency as Cyclone Ditwah toll hits 132

TN, AP on high alert, schools shut

CHENNAI: The city and its neighbouring regions received heavy rainfall on Saturday evening, even as the state government announced measures are afoot to meet any evantualities arising out of the storm. Cyclonic storm Ditwah also brought heavy rains to the Cauvery delta districts, as well as coastal districts, such as Ramanathapuram. A red alert has been issued for the north Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, and south Andhra Pradesh coasts.

COLOMBO

Sri Lanka declared a state of emergency on Saturday and appealed for international assistance as the death toll from heavy rains and floods triggered by Cyclone Ditwah rose to 132, with another 176 reported missing.

The extreme weather system has destroyed more than 15,000 homes, sending 78,000 people to state-run temporary shelters, the Disaster Management Centre (DMC) said.

President Anura Kumara Dissanayake invoked emergency laws, granting him sweeping powers to deal with the devastation after a week of torrential rain across the island.

"We have 132 confirmed dead and another 176 missing," DMC Director-General Sampath Kotuwegoda said, adding that relief efforts had been bolstered with the deployment of the army, navy and air force.

Officials said about a third of the country was without electricity and running water.

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SOMEBODY WANTS ME AS CM: GP THROWS HAT IN RING

Bengaluru: Even as Chief Minister Siddaramiah and his Deputy DK Shivakumar held a breakfast meeting to resolve the states leadership crisis, Home Minister G Parameshwara threw his hat in the ring claiming that some people even wanted to see him as CM and that it is up to the Congress high command. On the DKS-Siddu tussle, he said, "...Somebody wants Shivakumar as CM, somebody wants Siddaramaiah to continue, and somebody wants me to be the CM. So you cannot stop the aspirations of the people," he said.

'BOTH LEADERS SAID 'NO TALK OF POWER SHARING'

Bengaluru: Congress leader DK Suresh has put to rest speculation about a power tussle within the party, saying Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar are committed to fulfilling their promises to the people. Welcoming the CM-DyCM meeting over breakfast, he said, "There were no talks on power sharing as both leaders clearly stated, so the issue doesn't need to be discussed." "It's their duty as well, because they have promised the people of the state and they have to walk the talk, I'm sure CM and DCM will fulfil their promises," he said.

OPPOSITION

United over breakfast, but divided as a whole: JD(S) MLA

Bengaluru: JD(S) MLA Nikhil Kumaraswamy on Saturday launched a sharp attack on the ruling Congress in Karnataka, alleging that the party's ongoing leadership tussle has come at the cost of governance and public welfare. "Today, the Congress is serving idlis. They are united over breakfast, but, unfortunately, the party is divided as a whole. The people of Karnataka are suffering because of this instability," he said.

'High command needs to step in to even serve snacks in Cong!'

Bengaluru: Even as the Congress makes an effort to portray an image of unity amidst a leadership row, the JD(S) olaunched a scathing attack, stating, "The high command needs to step in to even serve snacks in Congress! @INCIndia. The @INCKarnataka government, which came to power by giving false promises of providing good governance to the state and deceiving the people, has already split into factions for the sake of the chair in just 2.5 years. For the sake of power, they are feeding their herd of rival-turned-friendly MLAs and keeping an eye on them like hawks from dawn."

QUICK READ

Gangster Bishnoi's NIA custody extended till December 5

NEW DELHI: A Delhi court on Saturday extended the National Investigation Agency (NIA) custody of deported gangster Anmol Bishnoi for seven more days. Special Judge Prashant Sharma ordered the extension till December 5 in the hearing conducted at the NIA headquarters amid high security. Wanted in connection with the killing of NCP leader Siddique, firing at actor Salman Khan's residence in April 2024, the killing of Punjabi singer Sidhu Moosewala, among other crimes, Anmol Bishnoi was "removed" from the U.S. on November 18. He was detained in the U.S. in November last year. On November 19, Anmol, the brother and close aide of gangster Lawrence Bishnoi, was sent to 11 days of NIA custody.

Australian PM becomes first to wed in office

CANBERRA: Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese married his girlfriend Jodie Haydon on Saturday, becoming the country's first leader to tie the knot while in office. A beaming Albanese (62), wed the financial services worker at a private ceremony in the garden of his official residence in Canberra, The Lodge. "Married", the prime minister said in a one-word post on social media with video of him in a bow-tie holding the hand of his smiling bride, who wore a long, white dress, as confetti showered down.Albanese's dog, a shaggy cavoodle named Toto, was the ring bearer.

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Delhi cops arrest Uttarakhand Imam over 'links' to Delhi blast suspect

HALDWANI

A breakthrough in the Delhi blast investigation led Delhi Police to Uttarakhand's Haldwani, where a local religious leader, Maulana Mohammad Asim Qasmi, was detained early Saturday for suspected links to the operative allegedly behind the explosion.

Sources close to the investigation revealed that the breakthrough came after Delhi Police decrypted crucial data and tracked the call detail records (CDR) from the mobile phone of the suspected terrorist, Umar. Around 2:30 AM, a specialised team conducted a swift operation in the Muslim-majority locality of Banbhoolpura, detaining Maulana Mohammad Asim Qasmi, the Imam of the Bilali Mosque, and immediately transporting him to Delhi for intensive questioning.

The raid, carried out in Line Number 8, immediately heightened tensions among residents.

DELHI BLAST

Following the high-profile detention, security has been significantly increased across the Banbhoolpura area. Local police forces, including additional personnel from multiple police stations, are maintaining a heavy presence around the mosque and the Imam's residence. "Since Saturday morning, every corner of Banbhoolpura has been under tight police surveillance," reported a local source. Authorities are conducting rigorous checks on all incoming and outgoing vehicles, intensifying security across the entire zone as a precautionary measure.

BITTER TRUTH OF LADDUS

Tirupati laddu scam: SIT adds 11 names to accused list

HYDERABAD

More temple officials have come under the scanner of the Special Investigation Team (SIT) probing the Tirumala Tirupati laddu prasadam ghee adulteration case, with fresh names added to the FIR as accused.

On Saturday, the SIT added 11 more people, including seven Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) employees, as accused in the case. Those named include former general managers, engineers, senior and junior assistants, and technical inspection staff.

The newly-added TTD accused include former general manager Jagadeeshwara Reddy, retired general manager Pranay Kaveri Muralikrishna, deputy executive officer Polepalli Venkata Natesh Babu, superintendent engineer Peruru Jagadishwar Reddy, executive engineer Rallapalli Srinivas, senior assistant Muddu Venkata Anil Kumar and junior assistant Palle Eeshwar Reddy.With the Nellore Anti-Corruption Bureau Court accepting the SIT's memo adding more accused, tension has spread within the TTD establishment.

Former TTD executive engineer Subrahmanyam, a former general manager of the TTD Procurement Wing, was arrested by SIT. With this, the total number of arrests in the case has now reached 10. According to the SIT, he played a major role in approving contracts for the supply of fake ghee. Investigators say he and another arrested accused, Chinna Appanna, together collected a commission of Rs 25 per kg from contractors who supplied adulterated ghee to the TTD.

The SIT's charge memo shows that between 2019 and 2024, nearly 20.01 crore laddus were made using adulterated ghee. Out of the 48.76 crore laddus prepared during this period, almost 40 per cent were found to contain palm oil, palm kernel oil, and chemical additives.

During these years, the TTD paid close to Rs 250 crore to suppliers such as Bhole Baba Dairy (Uttarakhand), AR Dairy (Tamil Nadu), Vaishnavi Dairy (Tirupati district) and Malganga Dairy (Uttar Pradesh)

From these dairies, the TTD procured 1.61 crore kg of ghee, out of which about 68 lakh kg has been identified as adulterated.

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Woman duped in Press Club scam, accused arrested

Bengaluru

Bengaluru police arrested Shivakumar Nagaranavile for allegedly cheating a woman, Meenakshi B., by falsely promising to make her the women's state president of the Karnataka Press Club Council. The accused promised her the post and the directorship of the 2nd Vishwa Kannada Habba in Singapore, collecting ₹20.18 lakh in stages. Meenakshi, who used her savings and wedding ring, was later denied the money. When she questioned him, he reportedly threatened her. The Govindaraja Nagar police traced Shivakumar at the airport as he attempted to fly to Dubai. Authorities are now investigating his financial transactions.

MLA ORDERS CRACKDOWN ON BOGUS PROPERTY ACCOUNTS

The meeting urged prioritizing rumble strips, coordinating road work permissions, and updating CCTV feeds for improved police surveillance

BENGALURU

MLA M. Krishnappa urged strict action against bogus accounts created on government properties in Vijayanagara Assembly Constituency. Speaking at a meeting with Bengaluru West Municipal Corporation officials, he emphasized prompt response to citizen issues and controlling the influence of agents in revenue offices.

Commissioner Dr. Rajendra K.V. assured that property tax revisions would be expedited. He warned that revenue inspectors and collectors failing in their duties would face strict action. Officials were also instructed to monitor unauthorized paying guests in coordination with the police and take necessary enforcement steps.

The meeting highlighted accident-prone areas, directing officers to prioritize installing rumble strips where needed. BESCOM and the Water Board were told to seek prior permission before any road cutting work and share plans with the divisional engineer. CCTV cameras installed earlier will be updated, with live feeds sent to police stations for enhanced surveillance. Attention was also given to unauthorized business licenses, hospitals, and illegal banners and flexes, which are to be removed immediately. A city beautification campaign will be launched after December 15. White topping work in Hosahalli was reviewed, and officials were urged to accelerate progress for timely completion.

Additional Commissioner of Development Digvijay Bodke, Additional Commissioner of Revenue Manjunatha Swamy, Joint Commissioner Sangappa, Chief Engineer, Executive Engineer, and revenue officers attended the meeting alongside other officials, ensuring coordinated action across departments to implement the MLA's directives efficiently.

Commercial tax raid uncovers ₹100 crore evasion in B'luru

BENGALURU

Investigators found traders buying goods without bills, selling without invoices, inflating bills for contractors, and selling directly to consumers, revealing a complex tax evasion network

Bengaluru's Commercial Tax Department has uncovered hidden transactions worth Rs 100 crore in a major crackdown on tax evasion, officials said. The Enforcement Division (South Zone) carried out more than 500 inspections across Chikkapet, Avenue Road, BVK Iyengar Road, J.C. Road, and S.P. Road in the city's central zone.

Investigators found that traders were buying goods such as electronics, auto parts, gift items, dry fruits, iron, cement, and hardware from Delhi and other regions without bills, and selling them without issuing proper tax invoices. Many traders were inflating bills to help contractors claim input tax, while goods were directly sold to end consumers, exposing a complex tax evasion network.

Officials also discovered businesses operating without GST registration despite taxable turnover exceeding Rs 40 lakh. Such traders have been warned and instructed to register under GST immediately.

In addition, strict monitoring of railway freight revealed nearly 1,000 bags of gutka, pan masala, and dry fruits being transported without proper documents at Yeshwantpur railway station.

Around 75 goods vehicles carrying iron scrap without valid tax bills were also seized.

"The operation has exposed extensive tax evasion, with local traders concealing transactions and misusing invoices. Investigations, document verification, and data analysis are ongoing," the Commercial Tax Department said.

Authorities emphasized that strict legal action will be taken against all those found violating tax laws, including issuing false bills or evading GST, to ensure compliance and protect government revenue.

Kannada thrives through daily practice, not flags: Singer Thimmaraju

BENGALURU

Kannada language will flourish only if its values are practiced daily, not merely by displaying flags, said folk singer Appagere Thimmaraju. He spoke at the "Zen Kannada Vaibhav" Kannada Rajyotsava program held at Zen International Public School and Zen Inspired Pre School on Andrahalli Main Road.

Thimmaraju emphasized that adopting the principles of El Kannada Tai, Bal Kannada Tai, and Hal Kannada Tai in daily life is essential for preserving Kannada. He added that communication should be respectful, reflecting the respect owed to the language itself.

The school's founder, Acharya K. Venkatesh, highlighted Kannada's rich 3,000-year history and its significance in shaping children's cultural identity. He urged educators and parents to instill pride in the mother tongue and ensure its global recognition.

The program featured Thimmaraju entertaining the audience with folk songs, along with cultural and material exhibitions. A costume show where students wore traditional attire from various districts was a particular highlight, drawing admiration from attendees.

The event was attended by Karyadharshi Sudhamurthy Mataji, Ranjit B.R., Dr. T. Ranganath, Principal of Acharya College, Vijayalakshmi, Principal of Zen School, Head Teacher Sasikala, Executive Director Latha, school management, teachers, parents, and students. Through such programs, the school aims to blend Zen's philosophy of meditation and reflection with cultural education, nurturing children who respect their roots while growing in a globalized world.

This celebration underlined that Kannada thrives when practiced, respected, and lived daily, rather than through symbolic gestures alone.

The MLA said a strong GP provides essential facilities, and fair, honest representatives gain lasting community respect without political bias

Village growth depends on strong Panchayat devpt: MLA

BENGALURU

MLA S.T. Somashekhar said that the progress of every village depends on continuous development in its area. He spoke after inaugurating the second-floor extension of the Sulikere Gram Panchayat building in Yeshwantpur assembly constituency.

The MLA noted that a well-developed Gram Panchayat ensures access to essential facilities for all villages under its jurisdiction. He added that representatives who serve the people fairly and honestly, without political bias, earn lasting respect from the community.

During the event, uniforms were also distributed to the Gram Panchayat staff, recognizing their contribution to local administration.

Sulikere Gram Panchayat President Chikkanna, former presidents Ramachandra B.V., Saubhagya Umesh, Shobha Thimmegowda, Saraswathi Siddharaju, members Ramanna, Muni Lakshmi, Manjunath, Muralidhar, Executive Officer Narayan L., PDO Veerabhadra Swamy B.C., Secretary Umadevi, and several others attended the inauguration.

The MLA emphasized that grassroots development through strengthened Panchayats plays a pivotal role in improving rural infrastructure and public services. Investments in Panchayat buildings and staff support, he said, directly benefit local residents and encourage inclusive growth.

Somashekhar urged local authorities to continue their efforts in enhancing public amenities, stating that consistent development initiatives create a foundation for sustained progress in villages and strengthen trust between elected officials and citizens.

Woman seeks RBI help after harassment by finance firm

BENGALURU

A Bengaluru woman, Ramadevi, has approached the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) after facing persistent harassment from a private finance company. Four years ago, she took a ₹23 lakh business loan, offering her property deed as collateral, and has been paying ₹31,000 monthly for the past three years. Wanting to repay the loan in full and transfer it to a cooperative bank, she faced repeated delays by the finance company for over a year. Frustrated with their uncooperative behavior, Ramadevi lodged a formal complaint with the RBI, seeking intervention to end the ongoing harassment.

Bengaluru Central launches major city cleaning drive

BENGALURU

A massive cleaning operation was conducted across six assembly constituencies under the Bangalore Central Municipal Corporation, starting from 6 am. Commissioner Rajendra Cholan personally visited the ongoing drive in Indiranagar at 7 am to inspect and guide the efforts.

During his inspection, the Commissioner instructed officials to remove unused items lying on roadsides, abandoned vehicles, and small shops that were not in use. He also directed that garbage accumulated in vacant plots be cleared immediately and fines imposed on the owners for negligence. Several potholes were also repaired on the spot, ensuring smoother and safer roads for commuters.

Cholan interacted warmly with sanitation and civic workers, asking about their skills, daily challenges, and work conditions. He shared tea with them, listened attentively to their grievances, and urged authorities to address their problems promptly. His visit highlighted the importance of respecting the efforts of the city's sanitation workforce while improving civic facilities.

The mass cleaning drive involved a coordinated effort from municipal staff, sanitation workers, and local authorities. The operation aimed not only to remove garbage and debris but also to instill a sense of cleanliness and responsibility among residents.

Officials emphasized that the drive is part of a larger initiative to maintain city hygiene and ensure public safety. Regular monitoring and follow-up actions will be taken to keep streets clean, improve drainage, and maintain public spaces.

Admin deploys medical teams after Falcon City illness spike

BENGALURU

Bengaluru South Municipal Corporation acted swiftly after reports of intestinal disease cases emerged in the Vasantapura ward's Falcon City residential complex. A resident alerted authorities on November 12, prompting an immediate inspection by senior health officials, a 20-member medical team, and support staff. Between October 6 and November 12, 3–4 patients visited the Apollo Hospital clinic in the complex daily for treatment.

To contain the outbreak, the Corporation organized first-aid camps with four medical teams between November 12 and 27. Health education sessions were conducted for residents, and around 177 people received treatment at local and nearby hospitals. Water supply in the complex was carefully inspected, with samples collected from individual flats and storage tanks and sent to the Public Health Agency for testing. The management was issued a notice to purify and maintain water sources as per World Health Organization standards.

On November 20, Bangalore Rural MP Dr. C.N. Manjunath and MLA M. Krishnappa visited the site, met with officials, and addressed public concerns. They advised residents to follow health precautions and avoid organizing gatherings until the situation is resolved.

Tragically, on November 27, an eight-year-old child passed away due to Nephrotic Syndrome with a multi-drug-resistant bacterial infection. The child had been on steroid medication for two years and suffered diarrhea for several days.

A permanent team of doctors has now been deployed to the complex to provide ongoing health services and educate residents about hygiene and preventive care. Officials emphasized the importance of safe water practices and timely medical attention to prevent further cases.

The Corporation continues close monitoring and urges residents to cooperate fully with health guidelines.

Teach patriotism alongside education, says MLA Muniraju

BENGALURU

MLA S Muniraju urged schools and colleges to instill patriotism and cultural awareness in students alongside academic learning. He spoke at the Chakravyuha-2025 program organized by Bagalgunte Vidya Purna Prajna PU College.

Highlighting growing youth interest in English culture, Muniraju expressed concern over declining engagement with India's indigenous traditions. He emphasized that India's foundation rests on Sanatan Dharma and called on educators to actively nurture students' love for the nation and its heritage.

The program also recognized outstanding teachers from various schools. Rangakarmi Mysore Ramanand was felicitated for contributions to education and culture.

The event was attended by Vidya Purna Pragya Vidyasaha Principal M.N. Umesh Kumar, Secretary Gopal Subbaraya, Joint Secretary G.V. Krishna, Academic Director Praveen Kumar, along with college leaders, faculty members, and students.

Muniraju stressed that education should go beyond academics, preparing students to value their roots, respect cultural traditions, and develop a sense of national pride. Programs like Chakravyuha-2025 aim to combine learning with cultural awareness, motivating the youth to remain connected to India's heritage while achieving academic excellence.

The MLA's remarks underscored the importance of creating a balanced education system that produces well-rounded individuals who are not only knowledgeable but also culturally rooted and patriotic.

HEALTHY STREETS INITIATIVE

B'luru North holds grand footpath walkathon event

BENGALURU

Bengaluru North Municipal Corporation hosted the fifth "Project Walkalur" footpath walk in Thanisandra, covering a 7 km stretch from Indira Canteen to Bellahalli Cross and Hegdenagar Circle. More than 100 participants, including local residents, civic officers, and municipal staff, took part in the event to inspect and enjoy the newly upgraded path. The program was inaugurated by Municipal Commissioner Pommala Sunil Kumar, who walked the entire route alongside citizens. The wife of Revenue Minister Meenakshi Seshadri also joined the walk.

The Thanisandra footpath, designed to be waste-free, barrier-free, and safe, was praised for its cleanliness, beauty, and ease of walking. Inspectors recorded obstacles at every kilometer and found zero garbage dumps, zero open urinals, only one broken or missing slab, one car parking obstruction, and two shop-related obstructions. The path's excellent condition reflects close cooperation between Uttara Nagar Palika officials, residents, and citizens, said Commissioner Sunil Kumar. He noted that BESCOM infrastructure improvements were needed and promised immediate action.

Project Walkalur, which began on November 1, has already completed a total of 33 km across four prior walks in Shivajinagar (11 km), Koramangala (5 km), Jayanagar (5 km), and Banaswadi (5 km). The target is to complete 100 km across all five urban municipalities.

Arun Pai, Project Walkalur coordinator, said, "This is an example of what can be achieved when citizens and the government work together. The clean, safe footpaths are a proud accomplishment for the city and the region." Residents lauded the initiative, saying it has made walking safer and more enjoyable while encouraging community participation in maintaining civic spaces.

QUICK READ

World Disabled Day on December 3

Gadag

The District Administration will organize the World Disabled Day 2025 programme on December 3. Legislative Council Speaker Basavaraj Horatti, Ministers HK Patil, Lakshmi Hebbalkar, will participate. Former Chief Minister and MP Basavaraj Bommai, Government chief whip and MLC Salim Ahmed, Karnataka Mineral Development Corporation Limited Chairman and MLA GS Patil, MLAs CC Patil, Dr Chandru Lamani, MP PC Gaddigowdara, Karnataka State Decentralization Planning and Development Committee Vice Chairman DR Patil, MLCs SV Sankanur, Pradeep Shettar, Urban Developent Authority Chairman Akbarsabha Babarji, and District Level Guarantee Scheme Implementation Authority Chairman B.B. Asuti will be chief guests, said a release.

Applications invited for appointment of nominated members

Gadag

As per the government notification, two non-official members belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes should be appointed as non-official members to constitute the Revenue Division Level Awareness and Monitoring Committee as per the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe (Control of Atrocities) Act 1989 and 1995 Amendment Rules. Interested persons can apply in the prescribed form from the Assistant Director, Social Welfare Department and submit the filled applications by December 13, the Sub-Divisional Officer said in the notification.

Encourage farmers to adopt organic farming: MP Hitnal

Farmers must be encouraged to take up organic farming for a healthy society

KOPPAL

There is an international demand for horticultural crops such as mango and guava in the district. Accordingly, there is a global demand for crops grown in organic farming. Organic crops increase the value of the product. Therefore, for better income, encourage farmers in the district to adopt organic farming and provide necessary support, Koppal MP and District Development Coordination and Monitoring Committee (DISHA) Chairman K Rajashekar Hitnal instructed the Horticulture Department officials. He was speaking while presiding over the second quarterly progress review meeting of DISHA held at the JH Patel Hall of the Zilla Panchayat on Saturday.

It is a matter of pride that a farmer named Basavaraj from Thavaragera in Kushtagi taluk of the district has grown a crop in organic farming and expanded the market at an international level. Accordingly, every farmer in the district should adopt organic farming. This will not only provide good income to the farmers, but using organic products will also improve the health of the consumers. Organic farming products complement the construction of a healthy society. Therefore, encourage farmers to adopt organic farming. Train farmers on the global demand for organic products, high income, and quality maintenance, the MP instructed the officials.

The MP instructed the Agriculture Department officer to create awareness among the farmers by giving more publicity to register the winter crops for insurance under the Karnataka Raitha Suraksha Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana.

Chief Executive Officer of the Zilla Panchayat, Varnit Negi, said that as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, necessary steps have been taken across the district to control stray dogs. Vaccination of dogs in the premises of government institutions and stray dogs is underway. Neutering surgery is also being done. Dog bite medicine has been stocked in all hospitals. He informed that necessary directions have been given to the heads of urban local bodies in this regard.

The meeting was attended by the nominated members of the DISHA Committee, Ambanna Nayak, Saraswathi Krishnappa Ittangi, Zilla Panchayat Deputy Secretary TS Krishnamurthy, Zilla Panchayat Planning Director D Manjunath, District Health Officer Dr T Lingaraju, Joint Director of Horticulture Krishna Ukunda and other district and taluk level officials of various departments.

HDMC plans to establish exclusive dog pounds

The street dogs are becoming a menace for public and especially children and aged persons are facing more problems

HUBBALLI

The Hubballi-Dharwad Municipal Corporation (HDMC) is taking a significant step towards addressing the issue of stray dogs by planning to establish exclusive dog pounds in both Hubballi and Dharwad. This initiative comes in response to directives from the Supreme Court, emphasising the need for humane and effective management of stray dog populations. The HDMC proactively submitted a comprehensive proposal seeking an allocation of Rs 5 crore to bring this project to fruition.

According to sources in HDMC, the proposal, which was submitted for a budget of Rs 5 crore, aims to create dedicated spaces where stray dogs can be safely housed and cared for.

These dog pounds are envisioned as sanctuaries that will not only provide shelter but also ensure that the dogs receive necessary medical care, food, and attention. The initiative is part of a broader effort to manage the stray dog population humanely, reducing the potential for conflicts between stray animals and residents. The creation of these dog pounds is expected to bring multiple benefits. Firstly, it will help in controlling the stray dog population through systematic sterilisation and vaccination programmes, thereby reducing the risk of rabies and other diseases.

Secondly, it will provide a safe environment for the dogs, which often face harsh conditions on the streets. Thirdly, it will contribute to the overall cleanliness and safety of the urban environment, addressing concerns of residents who may feel threatened by large numbers of stray dogs. Moreover, this initiative reflects a growing awareness and commitment to animal welfare within urban planning and governance, sources added.

> The Secretary of urban development directed the corporation to submit the proposal for funds to create stray dog pounds, he added. After discussions with local officials, the proposal for funds to set up the two dog pounds was submitted, he said.

The Hubballi-Dharwad Municipal Corporation submitted a proposal to the Secretary of Urban Development to secure funds for establishing two separate stray dog pounds, one in Hubballi and another in Dharwad, Commissioner Rudresh Ghali said.

He said during a meeting held in Bengaluru that the menace of stray dogs and Supreme Court guidelines on creating pounds were discussed thoroughly.

Public Awareness Rally Programme on December 1

GADAG

A public awareness rally programme is being organized on December 1 by the District administration and other releated departments at HK Patil Institute of Medical College, District Hospital, Mallasamudra. The public awareness rally will startfrom KC Rani Road, Women and Children's Hospital, and will pass through the main streets of the city and end at the Women and Children's Hospital. Legislative Council Speaker Basavaraj Horatti and Health and Family Welfare Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao will be present. The state's Law, Justice, Human Rights, Parliamentary Affairs, Legislation and Tourism Minister and Gadag District In-charge Minister Dr HK Patil will inaugurate the programme.

MP Shettar calls for President's Rule if CM Deadlock continues

BELAGAVI

Former Chief Minister and MP Jagadish Shettar demanded the imposition of President's Rule in Karnataka if the ongoing tussle over the Chief Minister's post is not resolved within the next 3 days.

Addressing a press conference, Shettar said both Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and deputy chief minister DK Shivakumar were busy with political stunts instead of addressing governance issues, due to which the state's administration has completely collapsed.

He also criticised AICC President Mallikarjun Kharge, saying that despite being from Karnataka, he failed to resolve the impasse. If this continues for another 3 days, it is better to impose President's Rule, Shettar said.

He alleged that the infighting within the Congress leadership stalled the state's economic progress. Farmers are facing serious problems, but the government is not responding.

The Chief Minister lost control over administration. Due to financial strain caused by the guarantee schemes, funds for development works are not being released, the MP claimed. Shettar said that several central projects sanctioned in his Lok Sabha constituency came to a halt because the state government had not released its share of funds.

These include the Belagavi–Kittur–Dharwad new railway line, the Halaga sewage treatment plant under AMRUT 1.0, the revival of 7 lakes and parks under AMRUT 2.0, and the solid waste management project under the CITIIS 2.0 programme of the Belagavi Smart City Mission.

Responding to the separate North Karnataka state issue, Shettar said the demand was not new, but such decisions cannot be taken impulsively. Some organisations approached me for my signature in support of statehood. I told them to first discuss the issue on an appropriate platform. After that, no one approached me again, he said.

He acknowledged that a regional imbalance exists but added that detailed scrutiny is needed before taking any step. We must examine whether separate statehood will actually benefit North Karnataka, he said.

BJP State Vice-President Anil Benake, City President Geeta Sutar, former MLA Sanjay Patil, spokesperson MB Zirali, and City Corporation ruling party leader Hanumant Kongali were present.

Anjanadri preparations under scrutiny after Huligi scare

KOPPAL

A near-stampede last month on New Moon Day in Huligi, a prominent religious place, prompted the district administration to clear encroachments to ensure the smooth movement of devotees. A similar situation is now unfolding in Anjanadri, believed to be the birthplace of Lord Hanuman, which is gearing up for the annual Hanuman Mala event scheduled for December 3 and 4.

During the two-day event, lakhs of devotees from across the state visit the hill shrine. The approach to the temple at the base is lined with encroached shops, while a narrow stairway of 575 steps leads to the summit. Devotees warn that any repeat of the Huligi incident here would be disastrous.

According to Vijayakumar Hanagi, a regular visitor to the temple, since there is no designated parking space, vehicles are parked everywhere. The road leading to the temple steps is encroached on both sides and is full of shops. Since a lot of people gather here, there are high chances of a stampede on special days. In addition to the narrow width of the road, most of the space is occupied by traders. Devotees arrive in large numbers every Saturday and on new moon and full moon days.

Vehicles parked everywhere make it difficult for devotees to walk. It is not surprising that this situation leads to a terrible stampede in the future, says another regular devotee, Santosh Kumar Nagaladinni.

Deputy commissioner Dr Suresh B Itnal stated, similar to the operation conducted in Huligi, encroachments will be cleared in Anjanadri, and a bypass road costing over Rs 5.3 crore will be built. Nonetheless, with the year's major event, Hanuman Mala, set to commence in the next three to four days and lakhs of devotees expected to attend, there is concern among devotees that without adequate precautionary measures in place, the risk cannot be mitigated, he said.

NIA probes lifer for alleged terror links while in Hindalga jail

BELAGAVI

Fresh details have surfaced about the activities of convict Jayesh alias Jayeshkant Pujari, now in Hindalaga Central Prison, after the National Investigation Agency (NIA) reportedly flagged serious suspicions of his possible links to terrorist organisations and launched a probe. Based on a complaint filed by prison authorities, Belagavi rural police registered a case against Pujari for allegedly using mobile phones and banned electronic devices from inside the prison to communicate with alleged terror outfits and external handlers. During its investigation, NIA unearthed his links with terrorist Bashiruddin Noor Ahmed alias Afsar Pasha, who was earlier involved in terrorist activities in Jammu and Kashmir. Pujari, a notorious offender, was convicted in 2015 for murder, robbery, and extortion. The Fifth Additional District and Sessions Court in Mangaluru awarded him the death penalty, which was later commuted to life imprisonment by the Karnataka High Court. Jayesh is originally from Gundya village in Dakshin Kannada district. He left the village at the age of 14 and spent many years in Kerala, where he converted to Islam.

He was moved from Belagavi Central Jail to Mysuru Jail in May 2019 due to repeated disciplinary issues. However, he was later brought back to Belagavi on the basis of a court order and has since been serving his sentence there. According to sources, recent intelligence inputs received by NIA suggest Pujari was in touch with terror groups even during his incarceration.

Officials inspect destruction of Maize crop

DHARWAD

The PDO and the village accountant of Shirakola village in Navalgund taluk have obtained a report from the farmer after inspecting the Maize crop destroyed by pigs.

We have already visited the farm of farmer Kallappa Devappa Talavai. A large amount of Maize crop has been damaged by pigs. We told them to take the pigs away two days ago. But farmers have claimed that pigs are still destroying crops in the fields. We will collect applications from the village accountant Revanasidda Dengue and the farmers and attach them to our application and lodge a complaint, said PDO Kashavva Kurabara.

Officials visited our farm on Saturday and received information about the destruction of crops by pigs. But I have not been told that there will be any relief from it, said Kallappa, a farmer.

Gudenakatti Gram Sabha cancelled, 12 members and officials absent

DHARWAD

Due to the negligence of the Gram Panchayat members and the irresponsibility of the officials, a Gram Sabha has been cancelled without getting the price. As many as 12 gram panchayat members and department officials did not attend the social audit gram sabha held at Gudenakatti gram panchayat under Kundgol taluk panchayat on Saturday.

The social audit for the year 2025-26 has been cancelled due to the abolition of the people of Kadapatti, Allapur, Gudenakatti and Yarinarayanapura.

Except for the anganwadi workers of 4 villages, only a handful of people were present and the local gram panchayat members were yet to attend the meeting due to lack of proper information.

The gram sabha was cancelled without the presence of various officials and members of the village.

Though the situation of the Gram Panchayat, which is supposed to develop the villages as a whole, is deteriorating, the Taluk Panchayat is silent.

LACK OF HOSTEL FACILITIES

Shortage of hostels deprives students of higher education

DHARWAD

Shortage of students' hostels run by the Social Welfare department and Backward Classes and Minorities (BCM) department across the state, particularly in districts which are known as education hubs, has deprived lakhs of students of higher education.

According to official sources, only 20 percent of the students who apply for accommodation in hostels get seats, while the remaining 80% are left to fend for themselves. This year, the BCM department has received over 3 lakh applications for hostel seats, of which 60 percent, i.e. 2 lakh, are seeking accommodation in Hubballi-Dharwad, Belagavi, Mysuru, Davanagere, Bengaluru and Kalaburagi. However, according to the officials, only 40,000 seats are available in these districts. The BCM department currently operates 1,258 post-matric hostels, including 566 boys' hostels and 692 girls' hostels, with a total intake capacity of 1,68,833 students, 76,744 boys and 92,089 girls. Despite multiple appeals to expand facilities, the government has only given in-principle approval for 150 new hostels, falling significantly short of actual demand.This shortfall has had a severe impact on poor and deserving students, particularly those from rural taluks of North Karnataka and the Mysuru region.

According to BCM officials, the shortage of seats is a perennial issue, with thousands of applicants rejected every year due to lack of space.

This year alone, 15,938 students from backward classes and minority communities applied for hostel accommodation in Dharwad district, but only 1,690 were admitted. Meaning over 90 percent were denied seats. A similar crisis is unfolding in Kalaburagi and Belagavi, where more than 18,000 students in each district are still waiting for admissions. In a bid to accommodate more students, 7-8 students are being allotted rooms which are meant for 4-5 students, resulting in overcrowding. Unable to get accommodation in government hostels many students are being forced into expensive private hostels and PG accommodations. Unable to bear the high costs, some students are abandoning their studies altogether.

QUICK READ

Special camp on Dec 5 for unclaimed bank deposits

CHITRADURGA

A special camp to help citizens recover long-pending and unclaimed bank deposits, insurance premiums, and shares will be held on December 5 at the Chitradurga Zilla Panchayat office, Chief Executive Officer Dr. S. Akash announced. The camp, organized under the guidelines of the Union Finance Ministry, will continue across all banking, insurance, and financial sector branches until December 31. Account holders or their legal heirs can claim money from accounts that have remained inactive for over 10 years. Officials from banking, insurance, and financial departments will be present to guide applicants. Unclaimed amounts and funds from dormant accounts older than 10 years are transferred to the RBI's DEA Fund, but can still be reclaimed anytime through the UDGAM portal. Dr. Akash urged the public to attend the camp with valid ID proof and documents to receive assistance and reclaim their rightful amounts.

Applications open for urban rehabilitation worker post

MANDYA

Applications invited for Urban Rehabilitation Worker post under Rural Rehabilitation Scheme in Belur Panchayat, Nagamangala Taluk. Eligible differently-abled candidates aged 18–45, whether SSLC passed or not, can apply for the vacant post on a monthly honorarium basis. Application forms are available from the Nagamangala Taluk Panchayat office and must be submitted with required documents by December 20. For more details, candidates can contact the District Officer for Differently-Abled and Senior Citizens Welfare at 9482751022 or 08232-239234. This initiative aims to provide employment opportunities to qualified differently-abled individuals while strengthening urban rehabilitation services in the Belur Panchayat area.

Hiriyur Town Council to hold public budget consultation

CHITRADURGA

The Hiriyur Town Council will conduct a public consultation meeting on December 2 at 11:30 a.m. to gather suggestions for preparing the 2026–27 budget. The session will be held in the council hall under the leadership of administrative officials and the municipal commissioner. Prominent citizens, traders, senior residents, office-bearers of various organizations, retired officials, employees, journalists, and the general public are invited to participate. The municipal commissioner has requested that all suggestions and feedback be submitted in written form for consideration.

Backward classes are Cong's greatest strength: Bangarappa

Minister Bangarappa asserted that Backward Classes form the Congress party's strongest support base, urging strengthened organizational efforts

SHIVAMOGGA

Minister in charge of Shivamogga district, Madhu Bangarappa, emphasized that the Backward Classes (OBC community) form the greatest strength of the Congress party. He was speaking at the district Congress office during an event organized by the District Backward Classes Wing to distribute appointment letters to newly selected block presidents and district office-bearers.

He stated that the Backward Classes organization needs to grow stronger and contribute more power to the party. In this context, appointments have been made across various units of the Backward Classes wing in the district, and the official orders were handed over during the event. He urged the newly appointed members to serve with sincerity and help strengthen the party at all levels. Organization is crucial, he added, calling on them to ensure that government schemes and benefits reach the people effectively.

Bangarappa pointed out that major challenges lie ahead, including upcoming local body elections. This increases the responsibility of party workers, who must begin preparing through strong organizational work. Efforts must be directed toward earning goodwill for the government. He stressed prioritizing education and encouraged unity in reinforcing the party's base.

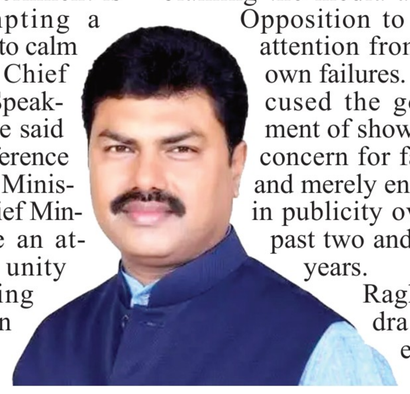
District Backward Classes President Ramesh Shankaraghatta, in his introductory remarks, said this was a memorable moment for the community. He urged that appointment letters should not merely serve as visiting cards; rather, each member should commit to strengthening the party, ensuring better contributions from the Backward Classes wing in the coming days.

Legislative Council member Balkheesh noted that appointments come with greater responsibilities. Those selected must understand their roles and cultivate a spirit of secularism, she said.

District Congress President Prasannakumar presided over the program, which was attended by several senior leaders and party workers.

Major political shake-up awaits Cong, says MP Raghavendra

SHIVAMOGGA



Criticizing the ongoing political turmoil in Karnataka, MP B.Y. Raghavendra remarked that the state government is currently attempting a "temporary stunt" to calm the battle for the Chief Minister's chair. Speaking to reporters, he said that the press conference held by the Chief Minister and Deputy Chief Minister seemed like an attempt to project unity until the upcoming Assembly session concludes.

He alleged that a major political "operation" awaits the Congress government once the session ends. According to him, the CM and DCM are blaming the media and the Opposition to divert attention from their own failures. He accused the government of showing no concern for farmers and merely engaging in publicity over the past two and a half years.

Raghavendra pointed out that farmers' struggles, including the ongoing sugarcane crisis, are well known to the public. Despite the start of the maize harvest, the government has failed to open procurement centers and instead continues to shift responsibility onto the Union government. He described this as unfortunate for the people of Karnataka.

He also mentioned that Union Steel and Heavy Industries Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy will be visiting Bhadravati–Shivamogga to revive the VISL plant, calling it welcome news for the region.

Accused sentenced in dishonored cheque car fraud

BELTANGADI

The Beltangadi court has sentenced a man in a case where he cheated a buyer by promising a car at a lower price and later issuing a dishonoured cheque.In 2020, Jijesh K.J., 42, a resident of Kannur, Kerala, posed as a private company employee through a lawyer in Beltangadi. He contacted several people claiming he could provide a new Alto car at a discounted price. Sebastian A.M., 60, from Puduvettu, Beltangadi, gave him ₹1,95,000, after which he was cheated. In 2022, Jijesh issued a cheque promising repayment, but it bounced due to insufficient funds.In 2023, Sebastian filed a private case in the Beltangadi Principal Senior Civil Court through his lawyer Abin P. Francis. Several documents were submitted and arguments presented during the trial. Jijesh was found guilty of cheating and issuing a dishonoured cheque. On November 27, Judge Manu B.K. pronounced the sentence, ordering Jijesh K.J. to repay Sebastian ₹1,95,000 along with 9% interest. The judge added that if the accused fails to pay the amount, he will serve six months in jail.

Preparations underway for Presidential visit in Malavalli

MANDYA

In view of the upcoming visit of India's Honorable President to Malavalli taluk in December, senior district officials conducted a comprehensive site inspection on November 28, 2025. The team, which included the District Commissioner, local MLAs, and security superintendents, reviewed key locations in Malavalli to ensure smooth arrangements for the high-profile event.

The officials first visited land reserved for the "Ashraya Scheme" near Shanti College along the Malavalli-Mysuru highway. Plans for constructing a stage in front of Shanti College were discussed, with authorities instructed to build a well-structured, fully equipped platform in coordination with the public works department.

Arrangements for water supply, sanitation, and parking were emphasized, with the municipal authorities directed to prioritize these facilities. Security protocols were closely reviewed, and police officials were tasked with ensuring proper protocol and maintaining decorum throughout the event.

Preparations for helicopter landings were also addressed. Officials surveyed private lands at the following locations to identify temporary helipads: Marehalli village survey numbers 232, 201, 681; Mooganakoppalu survey number 47; and Ragibommanahalli survey number 318 along the Malavalli-Mysuru road.

District officials instructed all concerned departments to take prompt action and ensure that no lapses occur during the visit. The focus remains on facilitating a safe, well-organized, and successful presidential visit. The site inspection and directives were issued under the guidance of District Panchayat Chief Executive Officer K.R. Nandini during the district-level guarantee meeting.

Authorities urged local officers to strictly adhere to the schedule, maintain coordination, and ensure all facilities meet the required standards ahead of the December visit.

Husband jailed for killing wife; two children left orphaned

CHIKKABALLAPUR

A tragic incident in Chikkaballapur district has left two young children orphaned after a love marriage ended in a brutal crime. Balu, a driver from Gerigereddypalya in Chelur taluk, had fallen in love with Dilshath, a woman from another community. Despite strong parental opposition, the couple married four years ago, with Dilshath later adopting the name Kavitha. Their life initially seemed peaceful, and they were blessed with two daughters.

However, over time, Balu became increasingly suspicious of his wife, alleging that she was speaking to someone frequently over the phone and behaving intimately with others. This suspicion led to repeated arguments between the couple. On the day of the incident, Balu returned home from work and confronted his wife again, accusing her of being involved with someone else. The quarrel escalated quickly into a violent fight.

In a fit of rage, Balu picked up a metal rod lying in the house and struck Kavitha forcefully on the head. The blow caused severe bleeding. Though Balu attempted to take her to the hospital, doctors declared her dead on arrival.

Chelur police have registered a case and arrested Balu. With the mother dead and the father in jail, the couple's two innocent daughters have been left with no one to care for them. The children, unaware of the tragedy around them, now face a future without both parents—a heartbreaking consequence of anger and mistrust.

Annasuvidha scheme to deliver ration at doorstep: CEO

MANDYA

Under the Annasuvidha Scheme, Vijayapura will deliver ration directly to senior citizens' homes, ensuring convenience and promoting active beneficiary registration across the district.

Under the state government's Annasuvidha Scheme, ration will now be delivered directly to the homes of single-member cardholders aged 75 and above, to ensure convenience and accessibility, stated District Panchayat Chief Executive Officer K.R. Nandini. She spoke at the district-level committee meeting of the Guarantee Scheme Implementation Authority held at the G.P. Mini Hall today.

Officials have been directed to prepare a list of eligible senior citizens with single-member ration cards and register them as beneficiaries of the Annasuvidha Scheme through home visits. The Food and Civil Supplies Department has been instructed to provide information on the scheme through ration shops, set timelines, and ensure beneficiaries are registered without delay. The committee emphasized that taluk-wise registration details of eligible cardholders must be submitted at the next meeting.

Additionally, training will be provided to interested beneficiaries under the Yuvanidhi Plus Scheme to facilitate employment opportunities. Trainings have already commenced in the district, and beneficiaries are urged to actively participate and make full use of the program.

District-level committee members highlighted successes under other schemes as well. Shivanna, Vice-Chairperson of the Authority, noted that under the Shakti Scheme, from June 2023 to October 2025, 1.733 lakh women received free travel tickets, costing over ₹472 crore. Challenges under the Gruhalakshmi Scheme, such as technical issues in updating household heads following their death, have been reported, and the committee requested the state government to resolve these problems.

The meeting was attended by Vice-Chairperson Rajendra, members Rudrappa, Veena, Ramesh, Madesh, and officials from the District Employment Exchange, including Naveen Kumar, among others.

Awareness drive to reactivate dormant bank accounts

VIJAYAPURA

At a "Your Money, Your Right" program, officials urged customers to update KYC and reactivate dormant accounts to prevent funds from moving to the RBI after ten years, stressing awareness and proactive financial protection.

Lead Bank Manager B. Siddayya has urged all bank managers to raise awareness among customers about reactivating dormant accounts. Under RBI guidelines, banks transfer deposits in inactive accounts to the Reserve Bank after ten years. To prevent loss of funds, account holders are encouraged to close dormant accounts or update necessary documents, including KYC, to reactivate them.

Speaking at the "Your Money, Your Right" awareness program held at the District Panchayat Hall on Saturday, Siddayya emphasized the importance of informing customers about the procedures for managing inactive accounts. Moni Raj Brahma, Chief Development Officer of the Reserve Bank of India, provided detailed guidance on the steps both customers and bank officials must follow to reactivate dormant deposits efficiently.

District Chief Accountant Ramanna Athani highlighted the significance of proactive measures for protecting public funds. Senior officials including Nagarjuna, other lead bank managers, department officers, and staff from various sections were present at the event. The program aimed to ensure that customers are fully aware of their rights and the processes involved in reclaiming dormant funds, thereby safeguarding their financial interests.

KANNADA PRIDE REAFFIRMED

Rajyotsava ceremony highlights mandatory use of Kannada

CHITRADURGA

The Kannada Rajyotsava celebration and oath-taking ceremony for newly nominated members of the State Government Employees' Association were held at the Government Employees' Bhavan in Chitradurga on Friday evening. Speaking on the occasion, District President of the Association, Malatesh Muddajji, emphasized that Kannada is the official administrative language of Karnataka, and insisted that all government offices must mandatorily use Kannada in daily operations.

He stated that government employees carry a major responsibility in preserving and promoting the Kannada language. Remembering the writers, poets, and scholars who contributed to the growth of Kannada, he said it is the duty of every citizen to acknowledge their efforts. Muddajji added that Kannada Rajyotsava marks the unification of Kannada-speaking regions into one state, and urged everyone to cultivate an interest in literature. He described Karnataka as a land rich in culture and heritage, expressing pride in being born in such a sacred place.

Congratulating the newly nominated members, he encouraged them to work collectively with the organization and serve government employees efficiently, thereby contributing to the association's growth.

Assistant Director of the Kannada and Culture Department, Dr. B.M. Gurunath, highlighted the diversity of Karnataka and said its culture naturally inspires patriotic pride. He recalled the contributions of Karnataka Samyukta Ranga, an organization established in 1962 to promote Kannada language and culture.

The group played a key role in creating awareness among Kannadigas and organized the first large-scale Rajyotsava celebration in 1963, laying the foundation for the annual event. The program was attended by district secretaries, treasurers, council members, office-bearers, directors, nominated members, and employees from various departments.

QUICK READ

Drinking water supply disruption today in Vijayapura

VIJAYAPURA

The Vijayapura Urban Water Supply Board has announced a temporary disruption in the city's drinking water supply on November 30, 2025. The interruption is due to ongoing repair work on the main pipeline from the Kollar water source to the Jalnagara pumping station, where leakage has been detected. The board is carrying out urgent maintenance to restore normal flow. Residents in affected areas are advised to cooperate with the Water Supply Board and make necessary arrangements in advance. The Assistant Executive Engineer of the board requested public understanding during this essential repair work to ensure the continued delivery of safe and clean drinking water.

Students win first prize in state-level quiz competition

CHITRADURGA

Students from Government High School, Gollarhatti, Chavlihalli, have won first place in the state-level "Prachya Prajna" competition in the quiz category for 2025–26. The event was recently held at Mahatma Gandhi University, Gadag. The winners, J. Tanuj and K. Vasundhara, were awarded a prize of ₹30,000 by Karnataka Legislative Assembly Speaker Basavaraj Horatti and Commissioner of the Department of Oriental Studies, Devaraj. The students' achievement was appreciated by M.R. Manjunath, Deputy Director of School Education; guide teachers T.M. Mallikarjun; Headmaster R. Nagendrappa; subject inspector K.J. Prashanth; and district Social Science Club officials B.T. Veerabhadrappa and Prabhushankar Prasad, recognizing their excellence and dedication.

Awareness events planned for World AIDS Day

VIJAYAPURA

As part of World AIDS Day observances, the district has organised a series of awareness events. On November 30 at 6 pm, a candle march (jatha) will start from the city's central bus stand, proceeding via K.C. Market to Gandhi Circle, culminating in a human chain formation to raise awareness about HIV/AIDS. On December 1, the main World AIDS Day program will begin at 8:30 am from Kandagal Sri Hanumantaraya Rangamandira, passing through Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Nagar (Rani Bagecha), Apara Cinema Road, and Ahalyabai Holkar Circle to reach Neelkantheshwara Mangala Karyalaya on Indi Road. A stage program will follow at Neelkantheshwara Mangala Karyalaya to educate and engage the public. District AIDS Control Unit officials have urged maximum participation in both the candle march and the stage program to ensure the events' success and effectively spread.

Min inaugurates Pratibha Karanji, stresses talent development

K.H. Muniyappa inaugurates Taluk-level Pratibha Karanji in Devanahalli, highlighting students' talent, extracurricular development, and upcoming model school construction

BENGALURU RURAL

Karnataka's Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Minister and District Incharge Minister K.H. Muniyappa emphasized that providing children with opportunities for both academics and extracurricular activities strengthens their physical and mental development while offering an excellent platform to showcase their talents.

Speaking at the inauguration of the Taluk-level Pratibha Karanji cultural program at Devanahalli Town Government Pre-University College, organized by the School Education Department along with field and coordination officers, Muniyappa highlighted the importance of cultural events in schools. Competitions such as dance, elocution, quizzes, folk songs, Bhavageethe, Bharatanatyam, mono-acting, and drama allow students to display their skills and creativity. Participation at the taluk and district levels can lead to state and national recognition, bringing pride to the district and the state.

Muniyappa stressed that both parents and teachers play a critical role in nurturing children.

Alongside academics, children must be taught cultural values, discipline, and personality development to build a strong foundation for a prosperous India.

Addressing the long-standing infrastructure needs of schools, officials revealed plans to construct a model government school building. The current government high school, around 75 years old, will be replaced with a well-equipped 25-classroom facility funded through Infosys CSR initiatives. Officials have finalized the blueprint and are preparing to start construction as soon as possible, ensuring a modern learning environment for students.

The event was attended by local representatives, including the district president of the Guarantee Scheme Implementation Authority Rajanna, Taluk presidents Jagannath and Munikrishna, former Zilla Panchayat member Manjunath, School Education Deputy Director Bailanjinappa, Tahsildar Anil, field education officer Lalitamma, students, and other officials.

Farmers encouraged to apply for fisheries scheme

CHIKKABALLAPUR

The 2025–26 Central Fisheries Development Scheme is now open for applications, aiming to support local farmers and promote aquaculture. The program offers financial assistance for establishing fish farms, purchasing equipment, and adopting modern aquaculture techniques. Eligible farmers from Chikkaballapur district can apply to receive aid for pond construction, fish breeding, and related infrastructure, with priority given to those demonstrating commitment to sustainable practices.

The district authorities have set clear guidelines for application submission, emphasizing timely completion and verification of documents. Under the scheme, applicants can receive assistance for different types of fish farming projects, including circular ponds, rectangular ponds, and ornamental fish cultivation. The initiative seeks to enhance local livelihoods, boost fish production, and encourage entrepreneurship among rural youth.

Interested farmers or stakeholders can contact designated officials for guidance and application support. Key contacts include representatives in Chikkaballapur (phone: 9844466228), Gandiband (7676759249), and Chintamani (9740909438). Officials will assist applicants with eligibility verification, documentation, and submission deadlines, which extend until December 15, 2025.

The program is part of the government's broader effort to strengthen rural economies, improve nutrition, and create employment opportunities through sustainable fisheries.

Protest demands action for defaming MLA Nayak

YADGIR

In a show of public outrage, several groups, including Congress leaders and supporters of MLA Raja Venugopal Nayak, staged a protest outside the city police station in Surpur, demanding the immediate arrest of individuals who posted defamatory content against the MLA on social media. The protests were triggered after some individuals circulated derogatory posts against MLA Nayak, despite the MLA having condemned any inappropriate disruptions during a public event on Nov 26 at Ambedkar Circle, where participants had protested against the Tehsildar. The MLA had clarified that the disruptions were wrong and had no connection to him. However, online posts misused the incident to malign the MLA and other public figures, including former Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge.Protesters emphasized that such defamatory acts on social media undermine public trust and must be dealt with firmly. They urged the police to take strict action against the accused to prevent further misuse of online platforms. Key leaders present at the demonstration included Ramesh Dore Aldal, Bheemanagouda Lakshmi, Marthandappa Devargonala, Hanmantray Makashi, Bheemu Nayak Mallibhavi, Gowdappa Bichchagattikere, Nagaraj Pyapli, Venkatesh Pyapli, Bhaganath Guttedar, Virupakshi Satyampete, Shakeel Ahmad Qureshi, and Nasir Kundale. The protest highlighted growing concerns about the misuse of social media for personal attacks.

BJP protests Cong failures, demands immediate farmer relief

BHALKI

Former legislator and BJP leader Prakash Khandre has strongly criticized the Congress government, claiming it has completely failed to safeguard the interests of farmers. Speaking during a protest organized by the BJP Farmers' Morcha in the town, he submitted a memorandum to the State Governor via the Taluk Assistant Director of Agriculture, P.M. Mallikarjun, demanding urgent action on farmers' issues. Khandre highlighted that farmers, dairy producers, and agricultural laborers across the state are facing severe financial distress due to natural calamities. He stressed that the compensation promised to distressed farmers must be credited to their accounts without delay. Specifically, the pending Rs 620 crore under the Rs 5 per liter milk incentive scheme should be released immediately.

He also urged the state government to fulfill its earlier pledge of increasing the milk incentive from Rs 5 to Rs 7 per liter. In addition, Khandre demanded that under the Prime Minister's Kisan Samman Nidhi scheme, the state government should resume the direct transfer of Rs 4,000 annually to each eligible farmer. He emphasized that all other pending farmer-related demands must be addressed promptly. Failing which, he warned, the BJP would escalate the agitation and mobilize farmers for more intense protests in the coming days. The protest began at Ambedkar Circle and proceeded to the office of the Assistant Director of Agriculture, with participants vocally condemning the Congress government's failures. Taluk president Veeranna Karabari, along with prominent leaders including Shivraj Gandage, Ashok Patil, Govindrao Biradar, Lumbini Gautam, K.D. Ganesh, Jagannath Biradar, Venkata Biradar, Pandit Shirole, Kishan Rao Patil, Kiran Khandre Venkat Lale, Jagadish Kannale, Shafi Bhatambra, Baburao Dhoope, Sanjeev Sindhe, Dattatreya Patil, Sangamesh Karamunge, Siddu Kadadi, Santosh Patil, Pandari Metre, and Dr. Jagadish Bhure, among others, actively participated in the demonstration demanding timely relief and support for farmers.

This protest reflects growing frustration among farmers and highlights the BJP's commitment to pressing the government to fulfill its financial and policy promises to the agricultural community.

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TENDER NOTIFICATION

Executive Engineer, District urban development cell, Chikkaballapur invites tenders from the eligible tenderers, detailed in the table below.

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Amt put to tender (Rs. in Laks)	E.M.D. (Rs. in Laks)	Period of comple tion
1	Purchase of Electrical tricycle for Specially Disabled in Chikaballapur CMC Under Amruth Nagorathana Phase-4(DMA/2025-26/IND5651)	80.00	1.59	45 Days
2	Purchase of tricycle for Specially Disabled in Chintamani CMC Under Amruth Nagorathana Phase-4 (DMA/2025-26/IND5655)	27.50	0.53	45 Days
3	Purchase of tricycle for Specially Disabled in Sidlagatta CMC Under Amruth Nagorathana Phase-4 (DMA/2025-26/IND5654)	25.00	0.49	45 Days
4	Purchase of tricycle for Specially Disabled in Gowribidanur CMC Under Amruth Nagorathana Phase-4 (DMA/2025-26/IND5653)	20.75	0.49	45 Days
5	Purchase of tricycle for Specially Disabled in Bagepalli TMC Under Amruth Nagorathana Phase-4 (DMA/2025-26/IND5652)	14.00	0.33	45 Days
6	Purchase of tricycle for Specially Disabled in Gudibande TP Under Amruth Nagorathana Phase-4 (DMA/2025-26/IND5656)	13.25	0.31	45 Days
7	Purchase of Sewing machine for Schedule caste, Schedule tribe, other backward class & Specially disable people in Bagepalli TMC Under Amruth Nagorathana Phase-4 (DMA/2025-26/IND5649)	52.88	1.05	45 Days
8	Purchase of Ear Hearing Aid for Specially disable in Bagepalli TMC Under Amruth Nagorathana Phase-4 (DMA/2025-26/IND5650)	3.00	0.075	45 Days
9	Drilling of Borewells and Installing necessary Motor Pumps for Borewell in Gauribidanur CMC Limits under amruth nagarothan(municipality)-4), chikkaballapura district (DMA/2025-26/WS/WORK _INDENT48732/Call-2)	100.00	1.69	90 Days

Tender documents may be downloaded from Government of Karnataka e-procurement websites https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in and calendar of events as below.

(1) Pre-bid meeting: **26.11.2025, 5:30 PM (2)** Last date & Time for receipt of tenders: **05.12.2025, 5:30 PM. (3)** Date & Time for opening of Technical bid: **06.12.2025, 11:00 AM (4)** Date & Time for opening of Financial bid: **08.12.2025, 11:00 AM**.

(1) Tenders must be electronically submitted in e-procurement portal. (2) Further information, if required, can be obtained from the office of the Executive Engineer, DUDC, FA-07, DC office complex, Chikkaballapur during working hours.

Any change in calendar of events (if any) will be published in e-procurement portal only. No Paper notification will be given.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, District urban development cell, Chickballapur.

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I, **UBED ULLA KHAN**, aged 62 years, S/o. Rehamath Ullakhan, Residing at No. 1822/A, Nijam Mohalla, Hunsur Town, Mysuru District, Karnataka, hereby declare that **UBED ULLA KHAN** and **OBEDULLA**, both the names are belong to one and the same person i.e., myself only. Vide affidavit dated: 25.11.2025 before notary H. DINESH, Hunsur.

e-Tender Notification

The tender are invited in Two Cover System as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Act 1999 and Rules 2000 through e-Tender of Government of Karnataka website for Supply/Installation/AMC of following items required to the Joint Commissioner of Police Traffic, Bengaluru.

Sl No	Tender No	Particulars	Last date submission for tenders
1	KSP/2025-26/IND0436	Supply of HVRJ to Bengaluru city Traffic Under Bengaluru City Road Safety and Traffic Management Project for Bengaluru City Traffic Police	12/12/25
2	KSP/2025-26/IND0435	Supply, Installation and Maintenance of DPIS Program to Bengaluru Under Bengaluru City Road Safety and Traffic Management Project for Bengaluru City Traffic Police	12/12/25

For further details of the tender and the tender documents can be obtained for the public procurement portal.

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Place: Bangalore
Date: 29.11.2025

Sd/- General Manager
The Bangalore City Co-operative Bank Limited

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
Office of the Executive Engineer, No 1,
Buildings Division, S.J.P. Campus, Bengaluru
No. EE/Bld1/AE-2/2025-26/57 Date: 28.11.2025

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)

The Executive Engineer, No.1, Buildings Division,S.J.P. Campus, Bengaluru invites tenders through the e-Procurement portal of GoK **(http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in)** from eligible tenderers (Standard Tender Document KW3 & KW4) for the construction/civil works at Vidhana Soudha, Bengaluru, as per the below-mentioned indents:

(1) Arrangement for Assembly Sessions – providing temporary kitchen, dining, chairs, tables, partitions, barricading and others at First Floor, Central Hall, and cleaning and other allied works to Assembly Hall etc. during session. Tender Reference: PWD/2025-26/BD/WORK_INDENT: 22905/ CALL-2

(2) Sweeping of roads and pathways, ground of Vidhana Soudha premises and Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Road and Devaraj Urs Road, fountain cleaning, and other allied works. INDENT: 22855/CALL-2

(3) Maintenance of fire-fighting equipment, providing fire extinguishers, painting of fire lines, and servicing and repairs of water purifiers and other allied works. (Period: 01.10.2025 to 31.07.2026) INDENT: 22904/CALL-3

Period of Completion: **10 Months.** Cost of Documents: **as per KPPP portal**. Category: **Others.** Approx. value of work: **Minimum Rs. 86.04 Lakhs-Maximum Rs. 147.07 Lakhs** & EMD: **Minimum Rs. 1,72,100 to Maximum Rs. 2,20,600.** Tenders must be submitted online through KPP portal **(http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in) from 28.11.2025 at 16.00 hrs to before 16.30 hrs on 15.12.2025.**

Sd/- Executive Engineer
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QUICK READ

NIA probes Delhi blasts, questions foreign-trained doctors

New Delhi

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) is expanding its probe into the Delhi Red Fort blasts. The agencies are not just questioning the doctors who are part of the Al Falah University, but also trying to ascertain if those part of the Faridabad module were in touch with MMBS graduates who studied in other countries. Investigators say that the Faridabad module members who executed the Delhi blasts were in touch with those who had studied MBBS in other countries, such as the United Arab Emirates and Bangladesh. Further, the agencies have also sought details of doctors working in multiple private hospitals in Delhi.

Raisen minor rape accused sent to 14-day custody

Bhopal

The accused in the minor rape case in Madhya Pradesh's Raisen district has been sent to 14-day judicial custody till December 11. The accused, 23-year-old Salman, was produced before a judicial magistrate inside the high-security ward of Hamidia Hospital in Bhopal on Friday. Unable to be transported to the regular courtroom due to a gunshot injury in his right leg, the magistrate personally visited the hospital and conducted the remand proceedings at the accused's bedside. Heavy police deployment has been stationed both inside and outside the hospital to prevent any untoward incident. Salman was dramatically arrested exactly 144 hours after committing the crime.

Kerala HC to review 'Haal' before appeal verdict

Kochi

The Kerala High Court on Saturday agreed to watch the Malayalam film 'Haal', before deciding on a writ appeal filed by the Catholic Congress challenging the Single Judge's order that quashed the A-certificate and cuts imposed on the movie by the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC). The Division Bench, comprising Justice Sushrut Arvind Dharmadhikari and Justice P.V. Balakrishnan, said that if no objectionable content is found, exemplary costs may be imposed on the appellant. The Bench noted that the Single Judge had already watched the movie last month before ruling in favour of the filmmakers.

Seven convicted in ₹7.83 cr Bank of Baroda fraud case

A Punjab CBI court convicted seven individuals for siphoning Bank of Baroda funds, causing losses exceeding seven cr rupees.

CHANDIGARH

A Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) special court in Punjab on Saturday convicted and sentenced seven people in connection with the ₹7.83 crore Bank of Baroda fraud case, the agency announced. The verdict marks a significant step in the long-running investigation into fraudulent financial activities involving bank officials and private individuals.

The SAS Nagar court sentenced Manish Jain and Ramesh Kumar Jain — partners of Manish Traders — to three years of rigorous imprisonment and imposed a fine of ₹35,000 each. According to the CBI, the duo colluded with certain bank officials to siphon off funds, causing a wrongful loss of ₹7.83 crore to the public sector bank.

The verdict sends a clear message against financial crime and underscores our commitment to prosecuting those who defraud public sector banks, a CBI spokesperson said following the judgment.

Five additional accused — Rachna Jain, Bhupinder Singh, Pritpal Singh, Sanjeev Kumar Jain and Anita Jain — were also sentenced to three years in prison, each receiving a fine of ₹15,000 for their roles in the conspiracy.

The case was originally registered by the CBI on November 4, 2016, after Bank of Baroda filed a complaint identifying partners of Manish Traders — including Ramesh Kumar Jain, Manish Jain and Kanta Jain — as well as unnamed bank officials as suspects.

During the investigation, the agency uncovered evidence showing that the partners of Manish Traders, with the assistance of certain officials within the bank, fraudulently diverted funds, resulting in substantial financial losses to Bank of Baroda. The CBI said the coordinated efforts of the accused enabled the large-scale misappropriation, prompting the court's firm stance in delivering the convictions.

The sentencing brings closure to nearly eight years of investigation and legal proceedings and reinforces the CBI's ongoing efforts to curb corruption and financial fraud within the banking sector.

Cyclone Ditwah disrupts life along Ramanathapuram coast

CHENNAI

The advancing Cyclone Ditwah crippled normal life along Tamil Nadu's Ramanathapuram coast on Saturday, triggering high tides, heavy winds and persistent rainfall that damaged infrastructure, disrupted transport and forced evacuations across vulnerable coastal settlements.

With wind speeds reaching 65–70 kmph, Southern Railway suspended all train operations on the Pamban sea bridge as a precautionary measure. Trains from Chennai, Kanyakumari and Madurai bound for Rameswaram were halted at Mandapam, where state-run buses were arranged to ferry passengers to the island. Services originating from Rameswaram will also operate from Mandapam until conditions stabilise. Railway authorities emphasised that operations across the sea bridge will resume only after wind speeds drop below danger levels to ensure structural safety.

Cyclone Ditwah's strong winds and high tides battered Tamil Nadu's Ramanathapuram coast, disrupting travel and damaging fishing infrastructure extensively.

Across Rameswaram, Mandapam and Pamban, uninterrupted rain and fierce gusts pounded the coast, leaving fishermen struggling to protect their vessels from the rough seas. The district recorded an average of 2 cm of rainfall by Friday afternoon. In Rameswaram harbour, one mechanised fishing boat broke free from its anchor and drifted ashore at Serankottai as waves surged. Coastal erosion intensified across vulnerable stretches, pulling several country boats into the turbulent waters. Fishermen braved hazardous conditions to retrieve drifting vessels and secure them.

District Collector Simranjeet Singh Kahlon, who inspected preparedness measures in the affected fishing hamlets, said that although rainfall levels remained moderate, the strong winds continued to pose a major threat. The coastal areas are witnessing winds of 50–70 kmph. Considering safety, about 40 residents from the fishing settlement in Dhanushkodi have been relocated to the government school in Rameswaram, he said.

Authorities remain on high alert as Cyclone Ditwah continues to impact the region, with precautionary measures underway to safeguard lives, fishing assets and critical infrastructure.

Air travel faces major global disruption after regulators ordered urgent software updates for Airbus A320 jets over radiation-related safety concerns

Airbus A320 software update triggers worldwide travel disruptions

NEW DELHI

Air travel across India and several other countries is expected to face significant disruption this weekend after global aviation regulators issued urgent directives mandating immediate software updates for the Airbus A320 family of aircraft. The move follows growing concerns that increased solar radiation may interfere with critical flight control systems, prompting what experts are calling a major aviation crisis.

Aviation expert Subhash Goyal said the scope of the issue was unprecedented, affecting airlines worldwide. There are over 6,000 Airbus A320 aircraft worldwide that could be affected, with around 250 in India. For the newer models, software updates take 2–3 hours, but for older A320s, updates may take 1–2 days. This is an air crisis which will affect both tourism and business trades, he warned.

Goyal explained that the alarm was raised after an incident involving a mid-air pitch-down on an Airbus A320. This crisis suddenly arose because when an Airbus

320 was coming in, it suddenly went down mid-air. It is said that extra radiation is causing hits due to which these problems come. The ELAC system, when an aircraft switches over, can get affected, he noted, referring to the Elevator Aileron Computer (ELAC) — a crucial component that manages flight control surfaces.

Echoing the concern, aviation expert Sanat Kaul highlighted that Airbus has explicitly instructed airlines to upgrade onboard systems without delay. Airbus has stated that their software needs to be upgraded; otherwise, it could get damaged. The damage could affect either software or hardware, which is why they have instructed that all their airplanes undergo the software update, Kaul said. The sweeping global action follows a safety investigation into a JetBlue flight on October 30.

All-party meeting tomorrow, will listen to everyone there: Kiren Rijiju

NEW DELHI

Ahead of the upcoming Winter Session of Parliament, Union Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju on Saturday said that an all-party meeting will be held on Sunday where the government will listen to all political parties.

Kiren Rijiju said, There is an all-party meeting tomorrow, and we will listen to everyone there. As for the bulletins that mention parliamentary etiquette, every Member is aware of it.

The government will convene the all-party meeting on Sunday ahead of the Winter Session of Parliament, beginning Monday. Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju will meet the floor leaders of political parties from both Houses of Parliament during the meeting.

During the meeting, the government will seek cooperation from all political parties to ensure the smooth functioning of the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha during the session. The Winter Session will be held from December 1 to December 19. Several important legislations are scheduled to be taken up for discussion and passage during this period.

The government intends to begin the Winter Session with

a full-day discussion on 'Vande Mataram' as the nation marks 150 years of the national song. The focus will be on the complete recitation of the song, following Prime Minister Narendra Modi's remarks that the removal of significant verses in 1937 played a role in the Partition of India.

In 1937, significant verses of 'Vande Mataram', the very essence of its spirit, were removed. Stanzas of the song were broken up. This removal sowed the seeds for the eventual Partition of the country. Today's generation needs to understand why such injustice was committed against this great mantra of nation-building, because that same divisive mindset continues to pose a major challenge even today, the Prime Minister had said on November 7.

The government is also planning to introduce 10 key Bills during the session, including those related to nuclear energy, higher education, corporate law, and the securities market.

Army JCO dies of heart attack in J&K's Poonch

JAMMU

A junior commissioned officer (JCO) of the army died of a heart attack on Saturday in Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch district. Officials said that an army JCO posted in the Khari area of Poonch district passed away after suffering a heart attack today.

The deceased officer has been identified as Captain (Ordinary) Talib Hussain, currently deployed at a post in Khari under the jurisdiction of Police Station Poonch in Haveli tehsil.

The officer reportedly suffered a massive heart attack at the post, resulting in his on-spot death.

Police have taken cognisance of the incident, and further investigation is now underway, officials said.

Jammu and Kashmir has a 740-km-long line of control (LoC) and a 240-km-long international border. The LoC is guarded by the Army and situated in the Baramulla, Bandipora, Kupwara districts of the Valley and in Poonch, Rajouri and partly in the Jammu district of the Jammu division. The international border is guarded by the Border Security Force (BSF) and is situated in Jammu, Samba and Kathua districts of Jammu division.

The army and the BSF guard against infiltration of terrorists, cross-border smuggling and drone activity initiated by terror outfit from across the border with the help of the Pakistan Army. The Jammu and Kashmir Police and the security forces are deployed on anti-terrorist duties in the hinterland.

In their revised strategy, police and the security forces target terrorists, their over ground workers (OGWs), sympathisers, drug smugglers and those involved in hawala money rackets and other unlawful financial activities. It is believed that the funds generated from these unlawful activities are finally used to sustain terrorism in J&K.

Kerala LoP Satheesan accuses CPI(M) of shielding criminals

KANNUR

Leader of the Opposition in the Kerala Assembly, V.D. Satheesan, on Saturday defended the Congress's handling of the complaint against suspended MLA Rahul Mamkootathil, while launching a sharp attack on the ruling CPI(M) for protecting criminals and those involved in serious offences. Satheesan said the Kerala Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) had already taken organisational action against Mamkootathil and clarified its stand after internal consultations.

One cannot take punitive action twice for the same issue. The KPCC president has clearly explained the party's position after consultations. That is the collective stand of the Congress, he said.

He accused the CPI(M) of attempting to exploit the issue to divert attention from the Sabarimala gold theft case.

We will not fall into that trap. Two former presidents of the Travancore Devaswom Board were jailed in connection with the theft of Ayyappa's gold, yet the CPI(M) has taken no action against them, Satheesan alleged.

He further criticised the CPI(M) for fielding a candidate convicted in a case involving a bomb attack on a police vehicle in Payyannur.

The court found him guilty of attempting to kill police personnel and sentenced him to 20 years in prison. Still, the CPI(M) is protecting him. This shows their double standards, he said.

Naveen Patnaik slams Odisha Supplementary Budget

BHUBANESWAR

The day after Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi presented the Rs 17,440 crore Supplementary Budget for the financial year 2025-2026 in the state Assembly, Leader of the Opposition and Biju Janata Dal chief Naveen Patnaik on Saturday launched a scathing attack on the government, stating the Budget has shattered the expectations of the state's populace.

Patnaik, through a social media post, asserted that the new Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) government's first Supplementary Budget lacks any major infrastructure initiative or long-term vision and is disappointing to citizens hoping for significant progress in the first full year of office.

The former Chief Minister alleged that the fiscal document pushes Odisha further towards a fiscal deficit trap, even as administrative expenditure shrinks and the state's debt burden continues its upward trend.

Except for allocations to the Works Department (Rs 900 crore) and a few urban infrastructure projects, there is nothing substantial in this budget, he said in the post.

Patnaik further claimed the government tabled the Supplementary Budget merely to hide the declining Central assistance and its own inefficiency, adding, This Supplementary Budget is not in the interest of the people of Odisha, and it is merely an additional effort to mislead them.

Chief Minister Majhi, who also holds the finance portfolio, presented the Rs 17,440 crore Supplementary Budget in the state Assembly on Friday.

The total provision includes Rs 3,389 crore for administrative expenditure, covering Rs 1,406 crore for government debt repayment and Rs 250 crore for the maintenance of roads and bridges.

The government earmarked Rs 13,716 crore for expenditure on various government programmes and priority sectors. Key allocations under the programme expenditure include Rs 3,000 crore for the revolving fund for paddy procurement and Rs 1,325 crore towards subsidy under the Public Distribution System (PDS).

SARANG MOCKS CONGRESS

Min mocks Congress after party scraps organisational appointments

BHOPAL

Madhya Pradesh Sports and Youth Welfare Minister Vishwas Sarang on Saturday took a swipe at the Congress following an internal conflict that prompted the party's Central leadership to cancel multiple recent organisational appointments in the state. The move has exposed deepening rifts within the Madhya Pradesh Congress unit.

AICC state in-charge Harish Chaudhary on Friday annulled all appointments of district and city organisation secretaries made by Pradesh Congress Committee (PCC) president Jitu Patwari. The decision was conveyed during a meeting of the Political Affairs Committee (PAC) after objections were raised by several party leaders.

Reacting to the development, Sarang, a senior BJP leader and MLA from Bhopal's Narela constituency, questioned the authority of the Congress leadership. Rahul Gandhi's Congress doesn't respect even Mallikarjun Kharge (AICC president). Then what value does the state president Jitu Patwari have? he told reporters. He accused the Congress of steadily losing political relevance in Madhya Pradesh and across India due to what he described as a lack of internal democracy.

There are no democratic values left in the party. Rifts among senior leaders have always existed, which is why they have remained in Opposition for 20 years, Sarang added, sharpening his criticism.

In a strongly worded letter addressed to Patwari, Chaudhary expressed displeasure over the unilateral appointments, noting they were made without his prior approval despite his role as the AICC-appointed in-charge for Madhya Pradesh. He reiterated that no organisational appointments should be made without my approval, asserting his authority over state-level decisions.

Sources within the Congress said Chaudhary had previously issued similar directives, emphasising that final decision-making power over organisational positions in the state rests with the AICC in-charge. The episode has once again highlighted ongoing power struggles within the party's state leadership.

National Investigation Agency charge sheets 1 more accused in Maoism revival case

NEW DELHI

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Saturday filed charges against one more accused in a case relating to attempts by the banned CPI (Maoist) terror organisation to revive its influence in northern states. The arrested accused, Vishal Singh alias Suraj, a resident of Mathura (UP), has been charge sheeted under section 121A of IPC and sections 18,20, 38 & 39 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act. He is the second accused to be charge sheeted in the case RC-01/2023/NIA-LKW. The NIA had in February charge sheeted accused Ajay Singhal alias Aman in the case related to concerted attempts by leaders, cadres and sympathisers/Over Ground Workers (OGWs) of CPI (Maoist) to re-energise the organisation in the NRB states of UP, Uttarakhand, Delhi, Punjab, Haryana and Himachal Pradesh. As per NIA investigations, CPI (Maoist) member Vishal Singh had spent 10 days in the Chhakarbandha/ Pachrukhiya forest area to train the organisation's cadre on the handling and operation of a drone that he was carrying. He also conducted cadre meetings with senior CPI (Maoist) leaders Pramod Mishra alias Sohan Da and Sandeep Yadav alias Rupesh Ji, CC member of Bihar Jharkhand Special Area Committee (BJSAC) of CPI(Maoist).

ED seizes Punjab patwari's property worth ₹2.76 cr

CHANDIGARH

Immovable property worth Rs 2.76 crore belonging to a patwari working in the Punjab government's revenue department was attached by the Enforcement Directorate in a money laundering case, an official said on Saturday.Millennial media consulting

The Enforcement Directorate (ED), Jalandhar Zonal Office, provisionally attached immovable property worth Rs 2.76 crore related to Chamkaur Lal under the provisions of the Prevention of Money-laundering Act (PMLA), 2002, on Friday, the ED said in a statement. The ED initiated an investigation based on an FIR registered by the Vigilance Bureau, Punjab, against the patwari under sections 13(1)(b) and 13(2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, for amassing assets disproportionate to his income during April 1, 2017 and March 31, 2023. The ED investigation revealed that Chamkaur Lal, while serving as a patwari in Dera Bassi and Kharar Tehsils of the Government of Punjab, had amassed assets disproportionate to the legitimate income of himself and his family members.

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

KARNATAKA GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT

Revenue Department, M. S. Building, Bengaluru

NO: E-RD 215 GRC 2025 **Date:10-11-2025**

NOTIFICATION

Whereas, upon considering the report of the Police Inspector, CCB, Bengaluru City and after due investigation of the complaints of depositors it has come to the notice of the Government, that the accused in the case registered at Vidhana Soudha, Police Station, Bengaluru City, Vide FIR No. 0016/2025, Shri H. S. Jagadeesha (A-1), along with 15 other accused persons (A-1 to A-16) in this case are involved in fraudulent transactions by clandestinely and illegally collecting deposits or money from the general public and thereafter have failed to return the same either after maturity or on demand made by the depositors or complainants with promised interest and other assured benefits and thereby have failed to render the services promised to them.

And whereas, it has further come to the notice of the Government that said accused Shri H. S. Jagadeesha (A-1), along with 15 other accused persons (A-1 to A-16) in this case and people associating with them have been acquiring lands, movable and immovable properties, cash and others from and out of the deposits or money so collected, from the depositors or complainants and thereby deviating from the intended purposes of accepting the deposits or money.

And whereas, the Government has reason to believe that the actions of the Shri H. S. Jagadeesha (A-1), along with 15 other accused persons (A-1 to A-16) in this case and people associating with them are acting in and detrimental to the interest of the depositors or complainants whose intention was to defraud the innocent depositors, and it has become necessary to protect the interest of the depositors in the said case FIR No. 0016/2021.

And whereas, now the Government after considering the report of the Police Inspector, CCB, Bengaluru City, and satisfying itself about the urgent need to protect the interest of the depositors and in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (2) of Section 3 of the Karnataka Protection of interest of Depositors in Financial Establishments Act, 2004 (Karnataka Act 30 of 2005) here by makes the following order, namely:

"ORDER"

Now therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (2) of Section 3 of the Karnataka Protection of interest of Depositors in Financial Establishments Act, 2004 (Karnataka Act 30 of 2005), the Government under the circumstances stated above having satisfied that in order to protect the interest of depositors it is necessary to attach the movable and Immovable properties believed to belong to accused persons Shri H. S. Jagadeesha (A-1), and 15 other accused persons (A-1 to A-16) in this case.

Therefore, the Government hereby attaches all the movable properties as specified in the Annexure-1 to Annexure-4 to this order believed to have been acquired by the accused Shri H. S. Jagadeesha (A-1), and 15 other accused persons (A-1 to A-16) in this case either in their own name or in the name of any other person from and out of the deposits collected by the depositors in the case registered at Vidhana Soudha, Police Station, Bengaluru City, vide FIR No. 0016/2021 and where it transpires that such money or such other properties of the said accused, or the personal assets of the promoters, partners, directors, managers or members or any other person of the said case is not sufficient for the repayment of the deposits or interest or such other assured benefits to the depositors.

Note: All the aforesaid movable properties, from the date of publication of this order in the Official Gazette, shall forthwith vest with the Competent Authority, who has been appointed by the Government, pending further orders from the Special Court.

By Order and in the name of the Governor of Karnataka
Sd/-
(Anwar Basha)
Deputy Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department (Services-1, SSLR & Special Cell)

Annexure-1

BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS:

Sl. No.	Name & Address of the Account holder	Name of the Bank & its branch	Account number	Bank IFSC code	Amount available in Rs.
1	A.Hari Nadar	Bank of BarodaT.Nagar branch, Chennai	5320200001261	BARB0THEAGA	389941/-
2	A.Hari Nadar	Federal bank, T.Nagar, Chennai	13860200012690	FDRL0001386	93937/-
3	A.Hari Nadar	ICICI Bank, Thirunelveli junction branch	613501525911	ICIC0006135	27759/-
4	A.Hari Nadar	SBI Bank, Alangulam branch, Tamilnadu	40055367456	SBIN0018670	12848/-
5	A.Hari Nadar	SBI Bank, Nungambakkam, Chennai	11660573897	SBIN0004309	69/-
6	A.Hari Nadar	IndusInd Bank, Teynapet branch, Chennai	100039935350	INDB0000315	0/-
7	Renjith Panicker	Federal Bank, Thrissur/ Poonkunnam Branch, Thrissur, Kerala	15990100026306	FDRL0002180	38,85,597/-
8	Renjith Panicker	IDBI Bank, Thrissur Main branch, Kerala	0269104000172325 0269104000110105	IBKL0000269 IBKL0000269	23,239/- 2333/-
9	Renjith Panicker	Dhanalaxmi Bank,Pushpagiri Branch, Naickanal, Thrissur, Kerala-680001	000400100136790 000400900001020	DLXB0000004	48/- 523/-
10	Renjith Panicker	ICICI Bank,West fort tower, West fort junction, Civil lane, Thrissur, Kerala-680004	018001527321	ICICI0001187	0/-
11	Renjith Panicker	HDFC Bank, No.20/457/2 & 3, Global centre, MG road, Thrissur, Kerala-680004	50100113573297 00571530026525	HDFC0000670	1/- -13.3
12	Sakthi Ganeshan	Canara Bank Ayyanaruthu branch, Tutuicorin, Tamiladu	9112101001572	CNRB0009112	21433/-
13	Sakthi Ganeshan	AXIS Bank, Thirunelveli, Tamilnadu	91901003735587	UTIB0000258	9175/-
14	Sakthi Ganeshan	HDFC bank, Thirunelveli, Tamilnadu	50200052136794	HDFC0000636	7051/-
15	Sakthi Ganeshan	ICICI bank, Thirunelveli, Tamilnadu	613501100262	ICIC0006135	1808/-

Annexure-2

DETAILS OF SEIZED VEHICLES:

Sl. No.	Recovered from	Vehicle details	Registration Number	Chassis No.	Engine No.	Value (In Rs.)
1	A.Hari Nadar	Toyota Innova Crysta	TN-12 AX 0001	MBJAB3EMX02545003~0221	2GDA483884	25,00,000/-
2	A.Hari Nadar	Mahindra XUV	TN-31 BE 9009	MA1YU2HHUF6L15823	HHF4M10002	10,00,000/-
3	A.Hari Nadar	TATA Safari	TN-69 AC 1550	MAT403713ANN12585	22LDICOR06KZYJ20702	10,00,000/-
4	A.Hari Nadar	Mahindra Bolero	TN-72 BY 7308	MA1XM2WJXG5L35099	WJG6L48817	5,00,000/-
5	A.Hari Nadar	Toyota Fortuner	TN-12 AY 001	MBJBA3FS400824835 -0121	1GDA475462	40,00,000/-
6	A.Hari Nadar	TEMPO TRAVELER	T.N-11 BC 0001	ME1EDAA8MP040666	D71004929	45,00,000/-
7	Renjith Panicker	Kia Carnival	Temp. Reg No. KL2021-TR-9061G	MZBMC81AMLN001087	D4HBKH673944	40,00,000/-
8	Renjith Panicker	Maruthi Baleno	KL-08 BJ 8985	MA3EWB62SGE186085	D13A2841450	10,00,000/-
9	Renjith Panicker	Tata Safari	KL-20 G 8985	MAT617021ENH06442	22LDICOR09HVYJ10370	10,00,000/-
10	Saidali @ Syed ali	Maruthi Baleno	KL-01 CF 24	MA3EWB22SJA400319	K12MN4366566	10,00,000/-

Annexure-3

DETAILS OF GOLD ARTICLES SEIZED

Sl. No.	Description of Gold articles seized from A.Hari Nadar	Value (In Rs.)
1	ಒಂದು ಚಿನ್ನದ ಚೈನು, ತೂಕ ಸುಮಾರು 60.50 ಗ್ರಾಂ ಇರುತ್ತದೆ.	Total Approximately Rs. 2,00,00,000/-
2	ಒಂದು ಚಿನ್ನದ ಚೈನು, ತೂಕ ಸುಮಾರು 41.1 ಗ್ರಾಂ ಇರುತ್ತದೆ.	
3	ಒಂದು ಚಿನ್ನದ ಬ್ರಾಸ್‌ಲೆಟ್, ತೂಕ ಸುಮಾರು 38 ಗ್ರಾಂ ಇರುತ್ತದೆ.	
4	ಗಣಪತಿ ಇರುವ ಒಂದು ಚಿನ್ನದ ಉಂಗುರ, ತೂಕ ಸುಮಾರು 16 ಗ್ರಾಂ ಇರುತ್ತದೆ.	
5	ತಮಿಳು ಓಂ ಇರುವ ಒಂದು ಚಿನ್ನದ ಉಂಗುರ, ತೂಕ ಸುಮಾರು 9 ಗ್ರಾಂ ಇರುತ್ತದೆ.	
6	ಒಂದು ಚಿನ್ನದ ಚೈನು, ತೂಕ ಸುಮಾರು 71.8 ಗ್ರಾಂ ಇರುತ್ತದೆ.	
7	ಒಂದು ಚಿನ್ನದ ಚೈನು ಸಹಿತ ವೆಂಕಟೇಶ್ವರಸ್ವಾಮಿ ಡಾಲರ್, ತೂಕ ಸುಮಾರು 140.5 ಗ್ರಾಂ ಇರುತ್ತದೆ	
8	ಮೀನಿನ ಡಾಲರ್‌ವುಳ್ಳ ಒಂದು ಚಿನ್ನದ ಚೈನು, ತೂಕ ಸುಮಾರು 65 ಗ್ರಾಂ ಇರುತ್ತದೆ	
9	ಹಗ್ಗದ ಮಾದರಿಯಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಈಗಲ್ ಡಾಲರ್ ಇರುವ ಒಂದು ಚಿನ್ನದ ಚೈನು, ತೂಕ ಸುಮಾರು 96 ಗ್ರಾಂ ಇರುತ್ತದೆ.	
10	ಮೀಷಿನ್ ರೌಂಡ್‌ನ ವಿ ಆಕಾರದ ಒಂದು ಚಿನ್ನದ ಚೈನು, ತೂಕ ಸುಮಾರು 41.5 ಗ್ರಾಂ ಇರುತ್ತದೆ.	
11	ಸಿಂಹದ ಡಾಲರ್‌ವುಳ್ಳ ಒಂದು ಚಿನ್ನದ ಚೈನು, ತೂಕ ಸುಮಾರು 85 ಗ್ರಾಂ ಇರುತ್ತದೆ.	
12	ಗಣಪತಿ ಡಾಲರ್‌ವುಳ್ಳ ಒಂದು ಚಿನ್ನದ ಚೈನು, ತೂಕ ಸುಮಾರು 25.5 ಗ್ರಾಂ ಇರುತ್ತದೆ.	
13	ಹುಲಿ ಡಾಲರ್‌ವುಳ್ಳ ಒಂದು ಚಿನ್ನದ ಚೈನು, ತೂಕ ಸುಮಾರು 53 ಗ್ರಾಂ ಇರುತ್ತದೆ.	
14	ಆಂಕರ್ ಡಾಲರ್‌ವುಳ್ಳ ಒಂದು ಚಿನ್ನದ ಚೈನು, ತೂಕ ಸುಮಾರು 99 ಗ್ರಾಂ ಇರುತ್ತದೆ.	
15	ಒಂದು ಚಿನ್ನದ ಚೈನು, ತೂಕ ಸುಮಾರು 40 ಗ್ರಾಂ ಇರುತ್ತದೆ.	
16	ಮೀನಿನ ಡಾಲರ್‌ವುಳ್ಳ ಒಂದು ಸಾಲಿಡ್ ಚಿನ್ನದ ಚೈನು, ತೂಕ ಸುಮಾರು 216.5 ಗ್ರಾಂ ಇರುತ್ತದೆ.	
17	ಹಗ್ಗದ ಮಾದರಿವುಳ್ಳ ಒಂದು ಚಿನ್ನದ ಚೈನು, ತೂಕ ಸುಮಾರು 123.5 ಗ್ರಾಂ ಇರುತ್ತದೆ.	
18	ಸಿಂಗಾಪೂರ್ ಹುಕ್ ಮಾದರಿಯ ಒಂದು ಚಿನ್ನದ ಚೈನು, ತೂಕ ಸುಮಾರು 74 ಗ್ರಾಂ ಇರುತ್ತದೆ.	
19	ಒಂದು ಸಾಲಿಡ್ ಚಿನ್ನದ ಚೈನು, ತೂಕ ಸುಮಾರು 205.5 ಗ್ರಾಂ ಇರುತ್ತದೆ.	
20	ಒಂದು ಚಿನ್ನದ ಚೈನು, ತೂಕ ಸುಮಾರು 40.2 ಗ್ರಾಂ ಇರುತ್ತದೆ.	
21	ಒಂದು ಚಿನ್ನದ ಚೈನು, ತೂಕ ಸುಮಾರು 40.3 ಗ್ರಾಂ ಇರುತ್ತದೆ.	
22	ಸಿಂಹದ ಡಾಲರ್‌ವುಳ್ಳ ಒಂದು ಚಿನ್ನದ ಚೈನು, ತೂಕ ಸುಮಾರು 162.3 ಗ್ರಾಂ ಇರುತ್ತದೆ.	
23	ವೆಂಕಟೇಶ್ವರ ಡಾಲರ್‌ವುಳ್ಳ ಬ್ರೋಸ್ ಬಾಲ್ ಮಾದರಿಯ ಒಂದು ಚಿನ್ನದ ಚೈನು, ತೂಕ ಸುಮಾರು 310 ಗ್ರಾಂ ಇರುತ್ತದೆ.	
24	NADAR ಎಂದು ಇರುವ ಚೌಕಾಕಾರದ ದೊಡ್ಡ ಪಟ್ಟಿವುಳ್ಳ ಹಗ್ಗದ ರೀತಿಯಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಒಂದು ಚಿನ್ನದ ಚೈನು, ತೂಕ ಸುಮಾರು 493.5 ಗ್ರಾಂ ಇರುತ್ತದೆ.	
25	ಚಿಕ್ಕ ಚೈನ್ ಇರುವ ಒಂದು ಬ್ರಾಸ್‌ಲೆಟ್, ತೂಕ ಸುಮಾರು 120 ಗ್ರಾಂ ಇರುತ್ತದೆ.	
26	ಸಿಂಗಾಪೂರ್ ಕರ್ಬ್ ರೀತಿಯ ಒಂದು ಚಿನ್ನದ ಬ್ರಾಸ್‌ಲೆಟ್, ತೂಕ ಸುಮಾರು 64.5 ಗ್ರಾಂ ಇರುತ್ತದೆ.	
27	ಸಿಂಹದ ಮುಖದ ಡಾಲರ್‌ವುಳ್ಳ ಒಂದು ಚಿನ್ನದ ಬ್ರಾಸ್‌ಲೆಟ್, ತೂಕ ಸುಮಾರು 47 ಗ್ರಾಂ ಇರುತ್ತದೆ.	
28	ಒಂದು ಚಿನ್ನದ ಸಿಂಗಾಪೂರ್ ಬ್ರಾಸ್‌ಲೆಟ್, ತೂಕ ಸುಮಾರು 70.5 ಗ್ರಾಂ ಇರುತ್ತದೆ.	
29	ಒಂದು ಚಿನ್ನದ ಸಿಂಗಾಪೂರ್ ಹಾಲೋ ಬ್ರಾಸ್‌ಲೆಟ್, ತೂಕ ಸುಮಾರು 57.5 ಗ್ರಾಂ ಇರುತ್ತದೆ.	
30	ಒಂದು ಚಿನ್ನದ ಸಿಂಗಾಪೂರ್ ಹಾಲೋ ಬ್ರಾಸ್‌ಲೆಟ್, ತೂಕ ಸುಮಾರು 120 ಗ್ರಾಂ ಇರುತ್ತದೆ.	
31	ಮುರುಗನ್ ಡಾಲರ್‌ವುಳ್ಳ ಒಂದು ಚಿನ್ನದ ಬ್ರಾಸ್‌ಲೆಟ್, ತೂಕ ಸುಮಾರು 99.5 ಗ್ರಾಂ ಇರುತ್ತದೆ.	
32	ಓಡುತ್ತಿರುವ ಸಿಂಹದ ಡಾಲರ್‌ವುಳ್ಳ ಒಂದು ಚಿನ್ನದ ಬ್ರಾಸ್‌ಲೆಟ್, ತೂಕ ಸುಮಾರು 95.5 ಗ್ರಾಂ ಇರುತ್ತದೆ.	
33	ಈಶ್ವರನ ಡಾಲರ್‌ವುಳ್ಳ ಒಂದು ಚಿನ್ನದ ಬ್ರಾಸ್‌ಲೆಟ್, ತೂಕ ಸುಮಾರು 90 ಗ್ರಾಂ ಇರುತ್ತದೆ.	
34	ಅಮೇರಿಕನ್ ಡೈಮಂಡ್‌ವುಳ್ಳ ಒಂದು ಚಿನ್ನದ ಬ್ರಾಸ್‌ಲೆಟ್, ತೂಕ ಸುಮಾರು 91 ಗ್ರಾಂ ಇರುತ್ತದೆ.	
35	ಒಂದು ಚಿನ್ನದ ನಕಾಶ ಕಡಗ, ತೂಕ ಸುಮಾರು 46 ಗ್ರಾಂ ಇರುತ್ತದೆ.	
36	ಒಂದು ಚಿನ್ನದ ಸಿಂಹದ ಫ್ಯಾನ್ಸಿ ಕಡಗ, ತೂಕ ಸುಮಾರು 57.5 ಗ್ರಾಂ ಇರುತ್ತದೆ.	
37	ಬಳೆಯಂತಿರುವ ಒಂದು ಜೊತೆ (ಎರಡು) ಚಿನ್ನದ ಲೇಡಿಸ್ ಕಡಗ, ತೂಕ ಸುಮಾರು 53.5 ಗ್ರಾಂ ಇರುತ್ತದೆ.	
38	ಒಂದು ಜೊತೆ (ಎರಡು) ಚಿನ್ನದ ಬಂಗಾಳಿ ಬಳೆಗಳು, ತೂಕ ಸುಮಾರು 54.5 ಗ್ರಾಂ ಇರುತ್ತದೆ.	
39	ಒಂದು ಜೊತೆ (ಎರಡು) ಚಿನ್ನದ ಬಂಗಾಳಿ ಬಳೆಗಳು, ತೂಕ ಸುಮಾರು 41.3 ಗ್ರಾಂ ಇರುತ್ತದೆ.	
40	ಒಂದು ಜೊತೆ (ಎರಡು) ಚಿನ್ನದ ಬಂಗಾಳಿ ಬಳೆಗಳು, ತೂಕ ಸುಮಾರು 55.4 ಗ್ರಾಂ ಇರುತ್ತದೆ.	
41	ಸಿಂಹದ ಮುಖ ಮತ್ತು ಬಿಳಿ ಹರಳುಗಳಿರುವ ಒಂದು ಚಿನ್ನದ ಡಾಲರ್, ತೂಕ ಸುಮಾರು 48 ಗ್ರಾಂ ಇರುತ್ತದೆ.	
42	ಒಂದು ಜೊತೆ (ಎರಡು) ಕಿವಿಯೋಲೆಗಳು, ತೂಕ ಸುಮಾರು 3.2 ಗ್ರಾಂ ಇರುತ್ತದೆ.	
43	ಸಿಂಹದ ಮುಖವುಳ್ಳ ಒಂದು ಚಿನ್ನದ ಉಂಗುರ, ತೂಕ ಸುಮಾರು 7.5 ಗ್ರಾಂ ಇರುತ್ತದೆ.	
44	ಗಂಡಸರು ಹಾಕಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವ ಒಂದು ಚಿನ್ನದ ಉಂಗುರ, ತೂಕ ಸುಮಾರು 8 ಗ್ರಾಂ ಇರುತ್ತದೆ.	
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Annexure-4

DETAILS OF CASH SEIZED FROM ACCUSED:

Sl. No.	Description of Cash Seized	Value (In Rs)
1	A.Hari Nadar	Rs.8,76,916/-
2	Renjith Panicker	Rs. 96,000/-
3	Sri.Amanulla benificiary of Ms/ Capital of investments pvt ltd.	Rs. 4,50,000/-

Sd/-
(Anwar Basha)
Deputy Secretary to Government
Revenue Department (Services-1, SSLR & Special Cell)

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QUICK READ

India, Israel enter deeper trade and tech ties

Tel Aviv

India and Israel are strengthening their relations centred on trade talks, technology partnerships and strategic coordination, according to a new report. The report from India Narrative said that the countries signing Terms of Reference in Tel Aviv to begin talks on a proposed Free Trade Agreement (FTA) proves a new phase of enhanced bilateral ties has begun. A new bilateral investment framework, and sectoral cooperation in areas like agritech, water, cyber, and defence is also underway, the report said.

Russian overnight attack on Ukraine kills three

Kyiv

A vast Russian overnight attack on Ukraine killed three people and wounded nearly 30, officials said on Saturday, with more than 600,000 households left without power after strikes on the grid as the U.S. attempts to broker peace talks. While everyone is discussing points of peace plans, Russia continues to pursue its 'war plan' of two points: to kill and destroy, Ukraine's foreign minister Andrii Sybiha wrote on Saturday morning as Kyiv residents surveyed the damage after a heavy night of explosions that mostly targeted the capital.

Indonesia flood death toll climbs to 303

Jakarta

The death toll from floods and landslides following cyclonic rains in the Indonesian island of Sumatra has risen to 303, the head of the country's disaster mitigation agency said on Saturday, up from a previous figure of 174 dead. Large parts of Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand have been stricken by cyclone-fuelled torrential rain for a week, with a rare tropical storm forming in the Malacca Strait. At least 279 people are still missing even as about 80,000 people have been evacuated and hundreds are still stranded in three provinces across Sumatra island, Indonesia's westernmost area, head of the agency Suharyanto told journalists.

HK mourns victims of blaze as search for remains continues

Hong Kong authorities reported no additional remains found as investigations widen into the deadly Wang Fuk Court residential fire

HONG KONG

Hong Kong mourned the 128 confirmed deaths caused by the massive fire at the Wang Fuk Court high-rise complex, though the toll may rise as 150 residents remain unaccounted for several days after the disaster. Authorities have arrested 11 people in connection with the blaze, investigating potential corruption and the use of unsafe materials during renovations.

Rescue operations in Tai Po, near the mainland China border, officially concluded on Friday, though police warned that searches through the damaged buildings could continue for weeks. The number of missing people was revised from 200 to 150 after some families reconnected with relatives previously reported missing. During searches, no additional bodies were found, though three cats and a turtle were rescued.

The fire, which started Wednesday afternoon, engulfed seven of the eight 32-storey buildings, aided by bamboo scaffolding, green mesh, and foam insulation used in renovations. Fire alarms in the complex were reportedly non-functional. Families and mourners gathered near Wang Fuk Court to lay flowers and identify victims using photographs provided by rescue teams.

The tragedy affected domestic workers from Indonesia and the Philippines, with six Indonesian citizens confirmed dead, and one Filipino critically injured. Survivors recounted harrowing experiences, including being trapped in smoke-filled rooms.

The blaze is Hong Kong's deadliest since 1948 and has drawn comparisons to London's Grenfell Tower fire. Residents had previously raised concerns about fire hazards related to renovation materials. Authorities have arrested construction company personnel and consultants on suspicion of manslaughter for using flammable materials.

While public anger has been relatively muted compared to earlier protests, volunteers and activists are calling for government accountability, independent investigations, and improved construction oversight to prevent such tragedies in the future.

Death toll in SL climbs to 123, rescue efforts intensify

COLOMBO

Sri Lanka continues to struggle with the severe aftermath of Cyclone Ditwah, as the Disaster Management Centre (DMC) confirmed that the death toll has climbed to 123 over the past few days, according to local media reports on Saturday. Authorities have also stated that 130 people remain missing, with rescue and relief operations ongoing, as reported by the Daily Mirror.

The Kandy District has recorded the highest number of casualties, reporting 51 deaths, while 67 individuals are still unaccounted for. In Badulla District, 35 deaths have been confirmed, with 27 people reported missing.

Other regions severely affected include Kegalle with nine deaths, Matale with eight, Nuwara Eliya with six, and Ampara with five.

The DMC said the destruction caused by Cyclone Ditwah has deeply affected communities across the country. A total of 373,428 people from 102,877 families have been impacted by floods, landslides, and powerful winds.

Residents in low-lying parts of the Maha Oya valley have been urgently advised to exercise extreme caution, as authorities warn of a potentially high-risk flood situation of a severity not experienced in recent times in the area.

At least 40 people, including a foreign woman, were rescued from a bus that was swept away by floodwaters on the Kala Oya Bridge along the Anuradhapura–Puttalam road.

The bus, which had around 60 passengers on board, was forced to halt as rising waters pushed it off course, prompting passengers to climb onto the roof of a nearby house for safety.

Sri Lanka declares public emergency as weather crisis deepens

COLOMBO

Sri Lanka imposed an immediate public emergency as floods, landslides and cyclone aftermath continue to endanger thousands nationwide.

Sri Lankan President Anura Kumara Dissanayake on Saturday declared a State of Public Emergency with immediate effect under the Public Security Ordinance, as the country battles one of its worst weather-related disasters in recent years. The announcement comes amid relentless floods, landslides and widespread infrastructure damage affecting thousands across the island.

Local media quoted Minister Wasantha Samarasinghe as saying the Extraordinary Gazette was issued to ensure public safety and enable faster disaster response. He noted that almost every region of the country has been severely impacted by the adverse weather conditions, with emergency teams facing mounting challenges in rescue and relief operations.

Although Cyclone Ditwah has now moved away from Sri Lanka, its devastating impact continues. Authorities confirmed that power transmission systems damaged by the storm have yet to be fully restored. Officials cautioned that the disaster situation remains far from over, urging citizens to stay alert as recovery efforts continue.

Athula Karunanayake, Director General of the Meteorological Department, warned that the Western and Sabaragamuwa provinces may experience rainfall exceeding 50 mm, while other regions are also expected to face intermittent showers and thunderstorms. Residents in flood-hit areas have been strongly advised not to return to their homes until conditions improve.

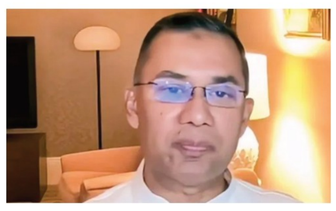
The Disaster Management Centre (DMC) reported that the national death toll from the extreme weather and cyclone-related incidents has risen to 123. Karunanayake further cautioned that wind speeds over land and surrounding seas could reach 60–70 km/h, prompting warnings against fishing and marine travel due to dangerous sea conditions.

Normal weather patterns are expected to gradually return by late Sunday, after which the full extent of Cyclone Ditwah's impact will be assessed.

BNP leader Tarique Rahman expresses desire to return home as mother Khaleda Zia's critical health raises nationwide concern.

Tarique Rahman longs to visit critically ill mother in B'desh

DHAKA



Bangladesh Nationalist Party's (BNP) acting chairman Tarique Rahman said on Saturday that he deeply wishes to return to Bangladesh to be by the side of his critically ill mother and party chief, Khaleda Zia. However, he stressed that the prevailing political circumstances make it impossible for him to travel home at this moment.

Rahman shared an emotional message on his social media platform, urging people to continue praying for Khaleda Zia's recovery. He expressed hope that once the political climate stabilises, his prolonged wait to return to Bangladesh will finally come to an end. His remarks came as concern mounted nationwide regarding the deteriorating health of the former prime minister.

Local media in Dhaka reported on Saturday that Khaleda Zia's condition has worsened further. She remains under close and continuous monitoring in the Coronary Care Unit (CCU) of Evercare Hospital in the capital. Medical officials have reportedly intensified observation and treatment protocols as her health continues to fluctuate.

In such a moment of crisis, I, too, strongly long for my mother's affectionate touch, just like any child. But unlike others, I do not have the unrestricted freedom or sole authority to make that happen, Rahman wrote. He added that the matter involves complexities he cannot fully explain publicly due to its sensitivity. Our family remains hopeful that once the political situation reaches the expected stage, my long and anxious wait to return to my homeland will finally come to an end.

As news of Khaleda Zia's worsening condition spread, the premises of Evercare Hospital saw a steady influx of BNP leaders, activists and supporters throughout the day. Many gathered to express solidarity, offer prayers and seek updates about the health of the 78-year-old opposition leader.

South Korea to require new alcohol, nicotine warning labels

SEOUL

The government plans to introduce a new warning label system for alcoholic beverages that allows manufacturers to choose either a text warning or a pictogram starting next September, according to officials on Saturday. According to the health ministry, companies must newly include a drunk-driving warning on soju, beer and all other alcoholic products, but they may select one method of display -- either a written warning text or an illustrated pictogram -- under a revision to the enforcement rule of the National Health Promotion Act.

The changes aim to ensure consumers recognize the risks of alcohol consumption before drinking, according to officials.

The revised rules follow the legislative amendment to the National Health Promotion Act promulgated in March. To allow preparation time for the alcohol industry, the new labeling requirements will take effect on September 19, 2026.

Meanwhile, the government plans to amend tobacco-related laws to designate synthetic nicotine as a type of tobacco in order to regulate the product category seeing growing popularity among young smokers, according to officials.

The Ministry of Health and Welfare and the Ministry of Economy and Finance plan to push for a revision of the law to include synthetic nicotine in the definition of tobacco under the Tobacco Business Act, according to officials.

In South Korea, tobacco-related laws are mandated under the National Health Promotion Act, under the jurisdiction of the health ministry, and the Tobacco Business Act governed by the finance ministry. They stipulate a tobacco product is what is manufactured in a state suitable for smoking, sucking, inhaling steam, chewing or smelling, by using tobacco leaves as all or any part of the raw materials.

Airbus A320 software recall unlikely to affect S. Korea flights

SEOUL

Over 40 Airbus A320-series aircraft currently operating in South Korea are subject to a global software-related recall, but the issue is unlikely to trigger major flight delays or cancellations domestically, according to the transport ministry on Saturday. On Friday, Airbus issued a large-scale recall order of its A320 family of jets after identifying a software flaw capable of causing severe flight-safety issues, including unintended rapid descent.

According to the ministry, five Korean carriers -- Korean Air, Asiana Airlines, Air Busan, Air Seoul and Aero K -- operate a total of 80 A320-family jets. Of those, 42 units were subject to the recall measure.

The ministry said it relayed an emergency directive issued by the European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) to global aviation authorities to ensure affected aircraft undergo immediate software replacement or modification before continuing operations to domestic airlines.

Yoo Kyung-su, director-general for aviation safety at the ministry, said the update takes less than an hour per aircraft, adding that about half of the affected jets had already been updated as of Friday and all updates would be completed by Sunday morning, Yonhap news agency reported.

An Asiana Airlines official said 17 of its 24 A320-series jets require the software fix, noting that all updates can be completed during regular ground time, with no impact on the flight schedule.

Meanwhile, Air travel is set to face disruptions this weekend as 6,000 Airbus A320 family aircraft have been grounded for a mandatory software update. Airlines worldwide are expected to complete the upgrade by early next week.

Operations are expected to normalise by December 1 or 2. This global move comes after a safety investigation into a JetBlue flight incident that occurred on October 30.

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Brain-Bender: Can You Solve It?

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Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

Fill a 9×9 grid with numbers so that each row, column and 3×3 section contain all of the digits between 1 and 9.

ALBANESE WEDDING

Australian Prime Minister Albanese marries partner Jodie Haydon

SYDNEY

Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese married his partner Jodie Haydon in an intimate ceremony at The Lodge in Canberra on Saturday, marking the first time a sitting Australian leader has wed while in office. The couple described the occasion as a deeply personal celebration shared with close family and friends.

We are absolutely delighted to share our love and commitment to spending our future lives together, in front of our family and closest friends, Albanese and Haydon said in a joint statement. The Prime Minister later shared a short video of the ceremony on X, captioned simply, Married.

The event was attended by several senior government leaders, including ministers Penny Wong, Mark Butler, Katy Gallagher, Don Farrell, Tony Burke, Richard Marles, Jim Chalmers, Tim Ayres and Jenny McAllister. New South Wales MPs John Graham and Jo Haylen were also present, underscoring the significance of the occasion within political circles.

Opposition Leader Sussan Ley extended warm congratulations, saying, Congratulations to Anthony and Jodie! I wish them every happiness as they continue building their lives together, as quoted by The Sydney Morning Herald.

The historic wedding caps a milestone year for Albanese, who led the Labour Party to a sweeping election victory earlier this year, securing a record 94 seats in the lower house. Throughout his political rise, Haydon has been a constant presence, accompanying him during the 2022 election campaign and again this May as Labour claimed a strong majority.

Albanese publicly expressed his gratitude to Haydon on election night, acknowledging the unexpected turn her life had taken. I am so grateful for your support, your friendship and your love, he said. You make me so happy, which matters… I look forward to living our lives together.

The wedding marks the Prime Minister's second marriage, following the end of his previous 19-year partnership.

QUICK READ

Vivek Chaturvedi becomes new CBIC Chairman

New Delhi

Vivek Chaturvedi, a 1990-batch IRS officer, has been appointed Chairman of the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC), following the retirement of Sanjay Kumar Agarwal. Currently a CBIC Member overseeing Tax Policy and Legal wings, Chaturvedi brings over 30 years of experience, including roles as Principal DG of Vigilance and head of DG Analytics and Risk Management. Known for leading data-driven initiatives to curb tax evasion, he is expected to enhance compliance and operational efficiency. The CBIC administers GST, customs, and excise, playing a key role in tax collection, enforcement, and trade facilitation nationwide.

Jio widens lead with strong October growth

New Delhi

Reliance Jio continued its strong growth in October 2025, adding more mobile and broadband users than any other telecom company, according to new TRAI data. Jio gained 3.9 million active mobile users, widening its lead over Airtel and pushing its market share to 41.4%. In wireline services, Jio added nearly four times more users, helped by the rising demand for AirFiber. Broadband use across India also increased, reaching 999.81 million subscribers. Jio remained the top wireless broadband provider with 494.93 million users, far ahead of Airtel and Vodafone Idea. TRAI also recorded over 15 million MNP requests in October.

IndiGo leads Airbus safety reset in India

New Delhi

India's largest airlines, IndiGo and Air India, are progressing with the mandatory Airbus A320-family safety reset, mandated by Airbus and EASA. IndiGo has completed updates on 160 of 200 aircraft, achieving 80% compliance, with engineering teams working overnight to avoid delays or cancellations. Air India has completed the reset on over 40% of its fleet, maintaining schedules but warning of minor delays. Both airlines emphasised passenger safety as the top priority while meeting global compliance deadlines. Travellers are advised to check flight status online. The large-scale reset ensures aircraft remain reliable and safe for all passengers.

SEBI Chief calls for stronger money awareness

NEW DELHI

SEBI Chairman Tuhin Kanta Pandey has stressed the growing need for financial literacy as more people make money choices through digital platforms. Speaking at a regional investor awareness seminar organised by the National Stock Exchange in Puducherry, he explained that understanding basic financial ideas is essential for people to safely save, invest, and protect their earnings in today's fast-changing financial world.

Pandey said SEBI will continue working on stronger investor protection by expanding its multilingual and multi-media awareness campaigns. He highlighted the success of initiatives like "SEBI vs SCAM" and said new state-level SEBI offices will help spread financial education more effectively at the ground level. According to him, these steps are important because financial decisions

Pandey said SEBI will enhance investor protection through awareness campaigns, new state offices, and financial education to help people make informed everyday financial decisions.

are becoming more closely linked to everyday life, and people must be able to make informed choices.

Sharing insights from SEBI's Investor Survey 2025, Pandey said only 36 per cent of investors have a moderate or high understanding of the securities market. Meanwhile, 62 per cent depend on advice from friends, family members, or social media. He warned that simple awareness is not enough because investing without proper knowledge exposes people to unnecessary risks. He added that the gap between knowing and truly understanding shows why financial education must grow along with market participation.

Pandey also noted Puducherry's strong growth in investors, rising from 22,000 in 2014–15 to nearly 1.24 lakh today. He said the Union Territory's high literacy rate and strong per capita income give its people a good base to engage confidently with financial products.

Across India, there are over 21 crore demat accounts held by about 13.6 crore unique investors. Nearly one lakh new accounts are opened daily, and mutual fund assets have crossed ₹80 trillion—seven times higher than a decade ago.

Leaders praise India's strong quarterly growth

NEW DELHI

India's economy showed strong momentum in the September quarter, with new data revealing that real GDP grew by 8.2 per cent in Q2 of financial year 2025–26. Political leaders across parties reacted on Saturday, calling the results a major achievement and a sign that India is rising fast in the global economy.

Union Minister Kiren Rijiju said the latest numbers show "a remarkable GDP record" and reflect the country's strong economic performance. Uttar Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Brajesh Pathak also welcomed the results, saying that India has made a "significant leap" under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership. He noted that India has climbed from being the world's 11th largest economy in 2014 to the 4th today, and he believes the country is on track to reach 3rd place soon.

JD(U) leader Rajiv Ranjan Prasad called the growth "his-

Union Minister Rijiju and UP Deputy CM Pathak praised India's GDP growth, noting progress from 11th in 2014 to 4th today, aiming for 3rd soon

toric." He said that even though global trade faced many challenges, India still delivered stronger-than-expected numbers because of major reforms and supportive policies. Bihar Minister Ram Kripal Yadav said India's steady progress since 2014 proves that the government's decisions are helping the country grow while many nations face slowdowns.

However, Congress spokesperson Surendra Rajput said the growth must be felt in people's daily lives. He urged the government to show clear proof of lower unemployment, reduced inflation, higher production, and fair crop prices for farmers. He added that global groups and some Opposition leaders have raised questions about the credibility of India's data, and transparency is important.

According to an official statement, India is already the world's fourth largest economy and is expected to become the third largest by 2030 with a projected GDP of $7.3 trillion. The statement said India's rise is driven by structural reforms, strong decision-making, and deeper global integration.

The latest data shows that Q1 GDP grew 7.8 per cent, while Q2 saw 8.2 per cent growth. Every major sector contributed, with primary sector GVA at 3.1 per cent, secondary at 8.1 per cent, and services leading with 9.2 per cent.

India's coffee sector poised for strong growth

NEW DELHI

India's coffee industry is set for major expansion over the next few years, with new projections showing an annual growth rate of 8.9 per cent by 2028. An official statement released on Saturday said the out-of-home coffee market is expected to grow even faster, rising between 15 and 20 per cent each year to reach $2.6 billion to $3.2 billion by 2028.

The Coffee Board of India has set an ambitious target to increase national production to 9 lakh tonnes by 2047. At present, India produces around 3.6 lakh tonnes of coffee each year, and nearly 70 per cent of this is exported to 128 countries. The rise of well-known specialty varieties such as Monsooned Malabar, Mysore Nuggets and Koraput Coffee has helped India build a strong reputation as a supplier of high-quality beans in global markets.

The government said the success of tribal cooperatives, including the Tribal Development Co-operative Corporation of Odisha Ltd (TDCCOL), shows how coffee farming can support rural development and create stable livelihoods. Smallholder farmers make up almost 99 per cent of coffee growers in India and produce around 70 per cent of the nation's total output. This makes the crop an important part of the rural economy.

Recent GST cuts and free trade agreements, including the India–UK Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement, have widened opportunities for value-added coffee exports. India's coffee exports have crossed $1 billion for four straight years, reaching a record $1.8 billion in FY25—40 per cent higher than the previous year. Between April and September 2025, exports touched $1.07 billion, marking a 15.5 per cent jump from the same period in 2024.

The GST reduction from 18 per cent to 5 per cent on coffee extracts and essences is expected to bring retail prices down by up to 12 per cent, boost domestic demand and improve earnings for small processors.

Analysts noted global conditions eased inflation worries, but Nifty Midcap100 and Smallcap100 fell 0.11% and 0.10%, respectively, as broader markets lagged

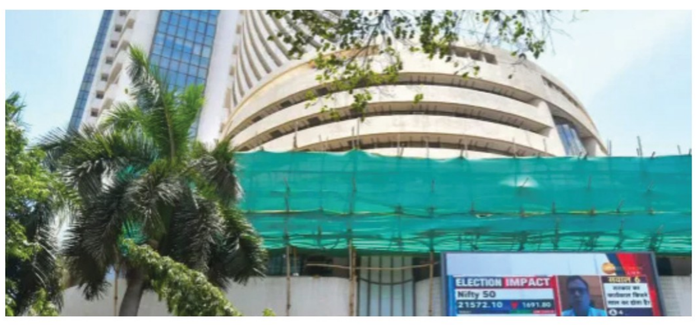
Markets rise again on strong earnings momentum

MUMBAI

Indian stock markets recorded gains for the third straight week, supported by strong Q2 earnings, steady domestic inflows, and positive global signals. The Nifty rose 0.34 per cent to close at 26,202, while the Sensex climbed 0.52 per cent to finish at 85,706.

Analysts said global conditions remained favourable, with softer US bond yields, fresh hopes of an upcoming Federal Reserve rate cut, and stable crude oil prices helping ease inflation worries. However, broader markets did not keep pace. The Nifty Midcap100 slipped 0.11 per cent, while the Smallcap100 fell 0.10 per cent during the week.

Sector-wise, pharma, PSU banks, media and IT stocks led the uptrend. Realty, consumer durables, and oil & gas counters showed weakness. The week saw sharp swings in the indices as investors

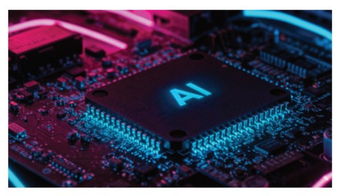


navigated phases of volatility, resilience, and profit booking. Nifty briefly touched 25,842 before rebounding to an intra-day high of 26,310 on the final trading day.

According to Bharat K. Gala, President and Technical Head at Ventura, traders should watch the support zone between 25,851 and 25,566. A fall below these levels could push the index to 25,337, and possibly further towards the 25,107–24,780 range.

Experts said India's stronger-than-expected Q2 GDP data — driven by firm manufacturing output, active construction activity and healthy consumer spending — is likely to support market sentiment in the near term. With faster GDP growth and improving credit expansion providing a strong base for earnings in the second half of the year, the medium-term outlook stays optimistic.

Next week, investors will track key macroeconomic indicators, including India and US PMI data, US core PCE inflation numbers, and the Reserve Bank of India's policy decision.



Micron plans massive Japan investment for AI chips

TOKYO

U.S. chipmaker Micron Technology is set to invest 1.5 trillion yen (about $9.6 billion) to build a new memory chip plant in Hiroshima, according to a report by Nikkei. The facility will focus on producing advanced high-bandwidth memory (HBM) chips, which are in high demand due to the rapid growth of artificial intelligence and expanding data centre needs.

The company is expected to begin construction at its existing Hiroshima site in May next year, with shipments likely to start around 2028. Japan's Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry is reportedly planning to offer up to 500 billion yen in support, reflecting Japan's push to revive its semiconductor industry.

In recent years, Japan has been providing major subsidies to attract global chipmakers such as Micron and Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company (TSMC). The government is also partnering with IBM to support the construction of a new plant that will mass-produce advanced logic chips.

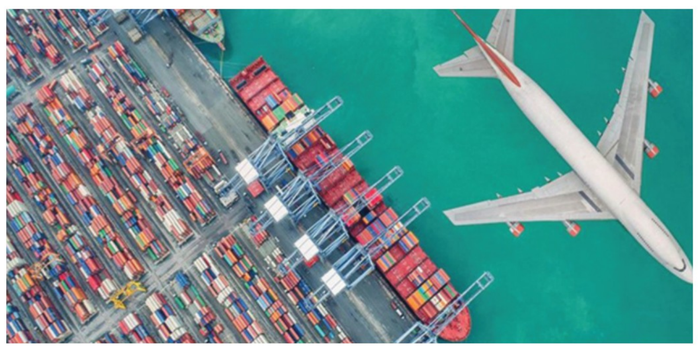
Micron's expansion in Hiroshima is seen as a strategic move to diversify production away from Taiwan and strengthen its position against major competitor SK Hynix, currently the market leader in HBM technology. As AI-driven hardware demand continues to surge worldwide, this new plant is expected to play a key role in the global semiconductor supply chain.

Tariff surge deeply hurts India's United States exports

NEW DELHI

India's exports to the United States, its biggest export market, have suffered a sharp setback due to steep tariff hikes introduced by Washington this year. A new report from the Global Trade Research Initiative (GTRI) shows that Indian shipments fell 28.5 per cent between May and October 2025, dropping from USD 8.83 billion to USD 6.31 billion.

The decline follows a rapid escalation in US duties—starting at 10 per cent in April, rising to 25 per cent in early August, and then doubling to 50 per cent later that month. This



made Indian products some of the most heavily taxed in the US market, with tariffs even higher than those imposed on China, which faced around 30 per cent, while Japan faced 15 per cent.

According to GTRI, India's exports fell across all three major tariff categories. Tariff-exempt sectors like smartphones, medicines and petroleum products made up 40.3 per cent of October shipments but still fell 25.8 per cent overall. Products under global uniform tariffs, mainly metals and auto parts, slid 23.8 per cent. The steepest drop came in labour-intensive categories facing the new 50 per cent duty—gems and jewellery, solar panels, textiles, chemicals and seafood—all falling 31.2 per cent.

Smartphone exports alone plunged 36 per cent, losing nearly USD 790 million in five months. Other major items like petroleum products declined 15.5 per cent, while pharma shipments saw only a minor 1.6 per cent dip.

GTRI said the situation is worsened by delays in India's new Export Promotion Mission (EPM), approved earlier this month but still not operational. With older export support schemes stalled and yearly funds limited, the think tank urged the government to quickly issue guidelines and restart payments. It also called for pressing the US to withdraw the extra 25 per cent Russia-related tariff, which would cut India's total tariff burden to 25 per cent.

GTRI said these steps are crucial to help exporters recover competitiveness and re-balance trade talks with the US.

Gold prices rise strongly on fed cut hopes

NEW DELHI

Gold prices recorded a sharp weekly rise as stronger expectations of a US Federal Reserve rate cut boosted safe-haven demand. The price of 24-carat gold (10 grams) increased by Rs 1,324 during the week, closing at Rs 1,26,666 — up from Rs 1,25,342, according to the India Bullion and Jewellers Association (IBJA).

Market watchers said the latest surge followed a jump in rate-cut expectations. The CME FedWatch Tool now shows an 86.9 per cent probability that the US Fed will reduce rates by 350 to 375 basis points at its December meeting, compared with 71 per cent a week earlier. Traders believe lower interest rates typically make gold more at-

tractive by reducing the appeal of interest-bearing assets.

Internationally, analysts noted that gold has once again tested resistance between $4,215 and $4,240. They said a strong upward trigger is needed to break above $4,240, which could open the path toward the previous record high of $4,400 (Rs 1,31,500). On the downside, a fall could push prices back towards $4,100 (Rs 1,23,000).

Gold prices dipped slightly on Friday after the US government shutdown ended, easing fears of economic disruption. Analysts added that gold currently has support in the Rs 1,25,750–1,24,980 range and resistance near Rs 1,27,750–1,28,400. Silver also shows support between Rs 1,60,950 and Rs 1,59,400 per kg, with resistance at Rs 1,63,850–1,64,900.

Experts expect near-term softness in bullion unless safe-haven buying picks up again or the Federal Reserve signals a clearer policy shift. Bank of America recently projected that gold could touch $5,000, citing factors like high government debt, persistent inflation, lower interest rates and unconventional US economic policies. The bank also pointed to light institutional buying, slowing Chinese demand, global metal shortages and low inventories as key trends to watch.

MONETARY MOVE AHEAD

RBI faces crucial decision on repo rate

NEW DELHI

India is entering an important moment as the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) prepares for its next monetary policy meeting. The discussion comes at a time when the economy is doing very well, with strong GDP growth and the lowest inflation ever recorded in the current Consumer Price Index series.

Latest data shows India's real GDP grew by 8.2 per cent in the second quarter of FY 2025-26, compared to 5.6 per cent in the same quarter last year. Inflation in October dropped sharply to just 0.25 per cent, showing that prices are stable and the economy remains healthy. This rare mix

of high growth and very low inflation has led many to wonder if the RBI might cut the repo rate again.

Some economists believe the current rate is already at a fair level. They point out that future inflation may stay around 4 per cent, which gives a real repo rate of about 1 to 1.5 per cent. Because of this, they feel there may be no need for a rate cut right now. However, they agree that the RBI may consider Open Market Operations to support liquidity in December, when advance tax payments could drain the system.

RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra has said there is room for a rate cut due to the positive economic situation. He stressed that the central bank aims to balance price stability with growth, without being either aggressive or defensive. The RBI kept the repo rate unchanged in the August and October meetings after reducing it by 100 basis points earlier in the year.

Global firm Morgan Stanley expects the RBI to cut the repo rate by 25 basis points to 5.25 per cent, with future decisions likely to depend on new economic data.

TRIUMPHANT DAUGHTERS

YOU GIRLS JUST MADE US SOAR HIGH!

Since the turn of the millennium, the Indian sports arena has seen a gigantic surge in the number of female athletes shining on the world stage, a much-needed exit from the shadows they have been left behind for generations.

The landscape of Indian sports has undergone a revolutionary change in recent years, and the main protagonists of this change are 'Daughters of India'. Today, from Harmanpreet Kaur and Shefali Verma to PV Sindhu, Saikhom Mirabai Chanu, and Lovlina Borgohain, women athletes have not only waved India's parachute on the international stage, but also become a source of inspiration for millions of young girls. It would not be an exaggeration to say that Indian sports are going through a "happy period", the brilliance of which has been enhanced by the unprecedented success of female players.

A new chapter of achievements

Cricket: The recent success of the Indian women's cricket team, which includes big titles like World Cup (such as winning ODI and T20 World Cup in 2025), has taken female cricket to new heights. These victories have created a new passion for women's cricket in the country.

Olympics: The journey that started with Karnam Malleshwari winning a bronze medal at the Sydney Olympics 2000 has now become a strong current. PV Sindhu (Badminton), Mary Com (Boxing), Sakshi Malik and Mirabai Chanu have proven that Indian women are fully prepared for world class competition by winning medals in consecutive Olympics and World Championships.

Other sports: The performance of women teams and individual players, such as the hockey team or Hima Das under Rani Rampal's captaincy, has also been commendable in sports like Kabaddi, Hockey, Shooting and Athletics.

Golden successes on world map

Indian daughters have left their mark in almost every game. Nikhat Zarin and Lovelina Borgohen (boxing); PV Sindhu and Saina Nehwal (badminton); Mirabai Chanu (weightlifting); Vinesh Phogat and Sakshi Malik (wrestling); Hima Das and Jyoti Yaraji (athletics), and many other achievers, who brought laurels to the country, thereby helping raise the tricolor high above all. Our young players in hockey and cricket have proved through medals and performance that talent does not depend on gender.

Strength from challenges

This happy round did not come like this. Most of these female players have faced serious challenges such as poverty, social stereotypes and gender discrimination. Coming out of small towns and rural settings, where the game was often not considered suitable for girls, reaching the top from there is a result of their unbreakable enthusiasm, willpower and hard work. Despite social pressures, lack of resources, economic challenges and access to sports facilities, the daughters kept their dreams alive. With the strength of fitness, rigorous practice and mental stamina, they broke those boundaries that were once considered impossible for them.

Inspirational stories

Mary Com's struggle for boxing, Hima Das's rise from the paddy fields to make a splash on the track, and the stories of many other players show that facilities are no guarantee of success; it is willpower, hard work and courage that makes champions.

Policy, incentives and initiatives

The initiatives of the government and sports associations have also been an important factor in this happy period. Government schemes like 'Khelo India' have helped to identify and train talents at the grassroots level. Institutions like Hockey India are now providing better equipment and facilities to players, which has improved the level of training. The increase in prize money and honour has inspired women players to make a career in sports. The schemes like 'Khelo India', 'Target Olympic Podium Scheme' and 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' had a broad social impact. Under these government initiatives, the daughters of India have been receiving better training, nutrition and international exposure. The private sponsorships and league-based games have also opened new avenues for them.

Changed mentality on field

Today, girls are not just playing, but changing the language of play. They are setting a new standard of confidence, discipline and professional approach. Their aggressive and bold play in the field sends a message that it is no longer easy to push Indian women back.

The beginning of a new era

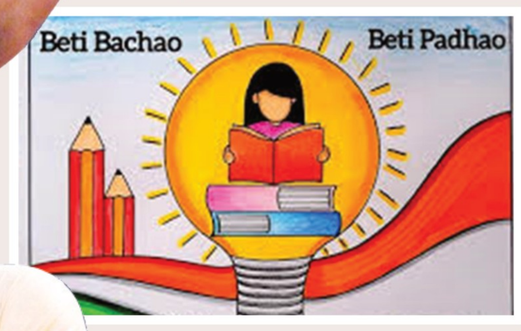
Gone are the days when games were considered a "second priority" for girls. Today they do not hesitate before choosing a career in sports, but move forward with determination. This change is the result of joint efforts of parents' thinking, government policies and strong will of players.

Role model player

Today, Indian daughters are not only winning medals, but have become an inspiration for the next generation. When girls from small towns and rural backgrounds become world champions, this message reaches every home.

Golden horizon of future

This joyful round for India is just the beginning. Better facilities, scientific training, attention to mental health and strong system of finding talent on the ground can make India a superpower of women's sports in the coming years.



THE PATH AHEAD...

The success of Indian daughters symbolizes a big movement for women empowerment in society. When a daughter waves the tricolor on the playground, she gives the message to the whole country, especially other girls, that it is possible to dream big and fulfill them. This round is not limited to the number of medals, but it is a period of change in mentality. Parents are now encouraging their daughters to get ahead in sports. The daughters of the country have proven that if they get equal opportunities and cooperation, they can become the best in any field. This happy round is only a beginning for India, and hopefully in the coming time our daughters will continue to establish unique records in every field of sports and torchbearers of the country's future and pride.

Dr Vijay Garg
Retired Principal & Educationist

Malaysia and Netherlands begin with wins

Malaysia dominated Austria 5–1, with goals from Khairil, Osman, Johari, and Panicker, while Austria's lone reply came from Kaiser via a penalty corner

MADURAI

Malaysia and the Netherlands began their FIH Men's Junior World Cup journey with strong wins, showing confidence and control in their opening Pool E matches on Saturday.

In the first match of the day, Malaysia outplayed Austria with a clear 5-1 victory. The Malaysian team moved the ball smoothly and kept steady pressure on their opponents. Danish Khairil scored two quick field goals in the 56th and 57th minutes, adding power to Malaysia's lead. Harris Osman scored earlier in the 28th minute, followed by Adam Johari in the 47th minute. Naaveenesh Panicker added another in the 55th minute, completing Malaysia's impressive performance. Austria managed only one goal, which came from Julian Kaiser through a penalty corner in the 56th minute.

The Netherlands also started strong, beating England 5-3 in a fast and exciting match. Jan van't Land gave the Dutch team early momentum with a goal in the 2nd minute and another in the 49th minute. Casper van der Veen added a well-placed field goal in the 26th minute. Joppe Wolbert converted a penalty stroke in the 39th minute, and Danilo Trieling scored from a penalty corner in the 54th minute. England fought hard and scored through Kaden Draysey, Michael Royden, and George Fletcher, but their efforts were not enough to stop the Dutch attack. More action was expected later in the tournament, with Canada facing defending champions Germany in a Pool A match, while Egypt was set to play Namibia in Pool D. The opening day set an energetic tone, promising an exciting tournament ahead.

Indians shine at Spain golf tournament

MALAGA

Avani Prashanth shot a 3-under 69 to reach 4-under and tied 17th; Pranavi, Hitaashee, and Diksha struggled, finishing lower on the leaderboard.

Aditi Ashok stayed close to the top ten, while young golfer Avani Prashanth moved into the top twenty at the halfway stage of the Andalucia Costa del Sol Open de Espana. Aditi, a past champion who received an invitation to play this year, shot a steady 2-under 70. With this, she reached a total of 5-under 139 and finished the second round tied for 11th place.

Rookie Avani Prashanth produced the best second-round score among the Indians with a strong 3-under 69. Her round took her to 4-under overall, placing her tied at 17th. Among the other Indian players, Pranavi Urs carded a 71 and stood at 1-over, tied for 47th place. Hitaashee Bakshi and Diksha Dagar struggled with scores of 76 and 75 and ended tied at 64th with 5-over.

All three—Hitaashee, Pranavi, and Avani—recently earned top-five finishes at the Hero Women's Indian Open, and they now aim for a solid end to their season.

Thailand's Trichat Cheenglab delivered the highlight of the day by shooting a stunning course-record 63, finishing at 9-under for the round. She now leads the field by seven strokes with an impressive 15-under total after 36 holes. Cheenglab began strongly with three straight birdies and continued her excellent pace throughout the round, ending with three more birdies to secure the new record. Italy's Alessandra Fanali climbed to second place with a 6-under 66. French golfers Nastasia Nadaud and Celine Herbin shared third at 7-under. Six more players stood one shot behind at 6-under, including England's Mimi Rhodes and Singapore's Shannon Tan, who are both fighting for the 2025 LET Order of Merit title.

Gladbach hold strong to deny Leipzig win

BERLIN

Gladbach's solid defence and teamwork secured a 0-0 draw against RB Leipzig, extending their unbeaten run, while Leipzig missed chances and hit the crossbar in a tense Bundesliga battle.

Borussia Monchengladbach showed strong defence and steady teamwork to hold second-placed RB Leipzig to a 0-0 draw in a tight Bundesliga match. The result helped Gladbach extend their unbeaten league run to four games, while Leipzig missed a chance to close the gap on leaders Bayern.

Gladbach started brightly and tried to control the tempo, but both teams soon settled into a tough midfield battle. Clear chances were limited, and Leipzig's early efforts from David Raum and Antonio Nusa did little to trouble goalkeeper Moritz Nicolas. Gladbach's closest moment in the first half came when Florian Neuhaus and Jens Castrop got in each other's way while trying to finish from close range. Shortly after halftime, the home fans celebrated what they thought was the opening goal. Rocco Reitz lifted a smart pass to Franck Honorat, who scored calmly, but VAR ruled the effort out for a narrow offside. Gladbach pushed forward with quick counters and dangerous set pieces, with Kevin Diks heading just over the bar. Leipzig grew more urgent as the match wore on. Nicolas made key saves, including a sharp stop from Conrad Harder and another from a tight angle. There was brief tension when Shuto Machino fell in the box, but VAR showed defender Willi Orban made a clean tackle. Leipzig came closest to scoring when Raum smashed a shot onto the crossbar, but the ball bounced out. In the end, both teams settled for a point. Leipzig stayed second on 26 points, five behind Bayern, while Gladbach's unbeaten streak continued. Coaches Ole Werner and Eugen Polanski accepted the result for different reasons, with Werner wanting more precision and Polanski pleased with his team's resilience.

Khawaja's sharp pitch remark sparks big debate

NEW DELHI

Australian opener Usman Khawaja is likely to receive a formal notice from Cricket Australia after he bluntly criticised the Perth Stadium pitch used in the first Ashes Test. At a charity event earlier this week, Khawaja called the surface a "piece of s**t," a remark that surprised officials, especially because the match referee, Ranjan Madugalle, had rated the wicket as "very good," which is the highest rating the ICC allows.

Madugalle's report came after the Test finished inside two days. He explained that the pitch offered good carry, limited seam movement, and steady early bounce, creating what he believed was a fair balance between bat and ball. But Khawaja strongly disagreed. Speaking openly at the event, he pointed to the uneven bounce on Day 1, noting how 19 wickets fell quickly and how many batters were struck by rising balls. He added that even Steve Smith, known for rarely mistiming shots, struggled to find the middle of the bat because of the unpredictable bounce. Khawaja said such up-and-down movement makes batting extremely difficult, comparing it to sideways movement, which he felt is easier to handle. He also mentioned that the Perth pitch has shown similar problems in recent years. However, he admitted the surface usually improves after Day 1.

Iran to boycott final draw after US visa denial

TEHRAN

Iran's Football Federation has announced that it will boycott the final draw ceremony for the 2026 FIFA World Cup after the United States refused to issue visas to several senior members of its delegation. The draw is scheduled to take place on December 5 in Washington, D.C.

Federation spokesman Amir Mehdi Alavi said on state-run IRIB TV that the decision came after internal discussions and consultations with Iran's Ministry of Sports and Youth as well as the Foreign Ministry. He called the U.S. action "non-sporting" and said that the refusal made it impossible for Iran to attend the ceremony.

Alavi added that FIFA, including President Gianni Infantino, has been formally informed. According to him, FIFA has promised to look into the matter seriously. Local reports said that the visa denial affected important figures, including federation President Mehdi Taj. However, four members of the delegation, including national team head coach Amir Ghalenoei, did receive visas.

The 2026 World Cup will be the first edition featuring 48 teams and will be jointly hosted by the United States, Canada, and Mexico from June 11 to July 19. A total of 16 stadiums will host matches, including 11 in the United States, three in Mexico, and two in Canada.

For the tournament, the draw will divide the 48 teams into 12 groups of four. The top two teams from each group, along with the eight best third-place teams, will enter an expanded knockout stage, creating a larger competition format than before.

Iran has already qualified for the event, marking its fourth straight World Cup and seventh overall, highlighting the nation's steady growth in Asian football.

INDIA faces tough choices before opening ODI

RANCHI

India will face South Africa in the first ODI of the three-match series on Sunday (today), but the team enters the contest with several tough selection decisions. The match is especially important for senior stars Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli, who now focus mainly on the 50-over format. For Rohit, Ranchi carries special significance because this is where he first became a full-time opener in 2013. India will be without Jasprit Bumrah, Mohammed Siraj, Shubman Gill and Shreyas Iyer. Captaincy duties fall back to KL Rahul because Gill is recovering from a neck injury. His absence creates a big opening at the top of the order, and the team must choose between Yashasvi Jaiswal and Ruturaj Gaikwad. Jaiswal brings fearless stroke play and left-handed strength, while Gaikwad returns after 16 months with strong recent form from the South Africa A tour. Their competition may shape India's long-term plan as they look ahead to the next ODI World Cup. South Africa arrives confident after a strong Test series win. Young fast bowlers Gerald Coetzee and Nandre Burger are set to lead the pace attack, with experienced spinner Keshav Maharaj offering control. The visitors have quickly become a major threat on this tour. For India, this ODI series is a chance to recover after a 0-2 Test loss and to rebuild momentum. Rohit and Kohli also look to make meaningful contributions with only six ODIs scheduled in the coming months. The first ODI will be played at the JSCA International Stadium in Ranchi at 1:30 PM IST, with live coverage on Star Sports and JioHotstar. Both teams aim to start strong as the white-ball phase of the tour begins and new opportunities emerge for young Indian players hoping to secure their future roles.

MACARIO LEADS UNITED STATES TO CONFIDENT WIN

ORLANDO

The United States women's team earned a strong 3-0 win over Italy in the first of two friendly matches on Saturday night at Inter&Co Stadium. Cat Macario was the star of the match, scoring twice, while Olivia Moultrie added another goal in a confident team performance. Goalkeeper Claudia Dickey also kept a clean sheet in just her fifth senior match. The United States started fast, scoring within the first two minutes. Fresh from winning the NWSL title with Gotham, Lilly Reale began a smooth passing move involving Rose Lavelle and Alyssa Thompson. The ball reached Moultrie, who finished calmly for her second goal in only her second appearance. The team's quick start reflected their plan to attack early and maintain strong pressure. Moultrie nearly scored again early in the second half, but her goal was ruled out for offside. Still, the United States kept control and continued to create chances. Their hard work paid off again in the 64th minute, when Sam Coffey carried the ball through midfield and passed to Macario. She struck a neat shot into the far corner to double the lead.

New Kannada film echoes Chomanadudi, releasing after fifty year

Gnanapeeta Award winner Dr.Shivaramakarant's novel 'Chomanadudi' was made into a film and won state and national awards. If cut, a film reminiscent of the same movie, Bichhugattiya Bantana Ballarena is all set to hit the screens after exactly fifty years. It will have a powerfull tagline 'Dudiya Saddige Krantiya Eddiide'. Anil Dorasamudra has directed and invested under the banner of Dorasamudra Pictures. His brother Naveen Simbavi has joined hands in the production.

As the final stage of the promotion, the trailer and song release ceremony was held at SRV Cinemas in a grand manner. Sr.Actor SundarRaj, who acted in the film 'Chomanadudi', inaugurated the program and spoke about old memories.

Cheluvaraj Gowda, Basuma Kodagu, Swedal D'Souza, Shailesh Kengeri, Taranath Bolar, Punyakotian, Gopal Moolya etc. have acted. Executive producer Raghavsurya, lyrics by Pradyamna Narahalli-Deepak Kotian and Music composed by Srishasta. Cinematography is by Lamarinj Nirmal, editing by Anil.D-Mavin Joel Pinto. The shooting has been done in the beautiful locations of Karkala. Incidentally, the movie is set to be shown to the public this month.

Dushara Vijayan Joins Cast Of High-Octane Thriller Kattalan

The makers of the upcoming pan-Indian Malayalam film Kattalan, starring Antony Varghese (Pepe), have officially welcomed Tamil actress Dushara Vijayan to the project. The announcement marks her entry into the Malayalam film industry, adding more excitement to a film that is already generating strong interest. Production house Cube Entertainments introduced her through a social media post, praising her bold and natural performances in films like Veera Dheera Sooran, Vettaiyan, Raayan, and Sarpatta Parambarai.

Kattalan recently completed its Thailand shooting schedule, which began on October 1. During the filming of an action sequence, lead actor Antony Varghese suffered an injury while performing a stunt involving an elephant. The action scenes were choreographed by world-famous action director Kecha Khamphakdee, known for the Ong-Bak series. The film also features Pong, the elephant popular from the same series.

Produced by Shareef Muhammed of Cube Entertainments, known for the blockbuster Marco, Kattalan is directed by Paul George and is set to be a high-voltage action thriller aimed at audiences across India. Along with Antony Varghese and Rajisha Vijayan in the lead, the cast includes Rapper Baby Jean, Telugu actor Sunil, Kabir Duhan Singh, and veteran Malayalam actors Jagadeesh and Siddique.

The makers have also recently added Parth Tiwari, Anson Paul, and model-turned-actor Shon Joy to the cast. The story has been written by Paul George, Joby Varghese, and Jero Jacob, who aim to deliver a gritty narrative filled with power struggles and dangerous missions.

The film features music by Ajaneesh Loknath, cinematography by Renadive, editing by Shameer Muhammed, and choreography by Sharief.

Major Fight Sequence For Ram Charan's Peddi Now Being Filmed

The team of director Buchi Babu Sana's much-awaited rural action drama Peddi, starring Ram Charan, is currently shooting an important and high-energy fight sequence on a huge set in Hyderabad. According to film unit sources, the intense action block is being filmed at the Aluminium Factory, where production designer Avinash Kolla has created a massive setup specially for this sequence.

The makers have brought in veteran stunt director Sham Kaushal, father of actor Vicky Kaushal, to supervise the action. Known for his powerful work in Dangal, Kaushal is guiding the team to ensure the scene becomes one of the biggest highlights of the film. Stunt master Navakanth is choreographing the fight. The sequence features Ram Charan along with several fighters, and Kannada superstar Shiva Rajkumar, who plays Gour Naidu, is also part of the ongoing shoot.

Peddi has already created huge buzz through its first-look posters and early glimpses. The film is produced by Venkata Satish Kilaru under Vriddhi Cinemas and presented by Mythri Movie Makers and Sukumar Writings. Janhvi Kapoor plays the female lead, while Jagapathi Babu and Divyendu Sharma appear in important roles. Sources say Buchi Babu Sana, known for his perfection, is giving detailed attention to every action part and designing unique concepts for each fight.

The film's first single, Chikiri Chikiri, has become a worldwide hit with over 110 million views, making it one of the biggest songs of the year. Backed by a strong technical crew including music composer AR Rahman, cinematographer R Rathnavelu, and editor Navin Nooli, Peddi is set for a grand pan-India theatrical release on March 27, 2026.

Ben Foster hails Sydney Sweeney's powerful commitment to 'Christy' role

Actor Ben Foster has praised his Christy co-star Sydney Sweeney, calling her a powerhouse for the dedication and discipline she brought to the sports drama based on the life of boxer Christy Martin. Sweeney plays the boxing champion, while Foster portrays James V. Martin, her coach who later became her husband.

Foster said Sweeney handled her rising fame incredibly well and impressed everyone on set with her preparation. He said she arrived fully ready for each scene, knew everyone's names, and kept training even after long shooting hours. I'd be exhausted at the end of the day, and she'd go train for another three hours to fight the next morning, he said.

Foster added that he admired Sweeney's skillful use of social media, something he stays away from. He explained that while he has never used any platform, Sweeney understands its importance for the new generation. She plays in that field. It's so important to the future. I find her incredibly impressive, he noted.

Recently, Sweeney shared that she relates personally to her character because she struggles to ask for help in real life. She said she often avoids reaching out because she fears being seen as weak, the actress explained that women frequently face expectations to appear strong at all times. She added that asking for help often attracts unfair judgment toward women, especially in leadership roles, unlike men, who are rarely labelled as unprepared.

Christy continues to draw attention for its emotional depth and strong performances from its lead cast.

Pankaj Tripathi Reduces Acting Work To Produce Meaningful Stories

Actor Pankaj Tripathi is preparing for a major change in his creative journey as he plans to shift his focus from acting to producing thoughtful and meaningful stories. After years of working almost nonstop, Tripathi said he now wants to slow down and give more time to projects that come from the heart. Speaking over a phone call, he shared that the actor in him will now take a backseat as he explores new creative paths.

Tripathi said he has been working nearly 300 days a year, but now aims to limit his acting work to around 100–150 days. The rest of his time, he said, will be devoted to producing plays, creating new projects, and pursuing other hobbies he had long set aside. He believes this change will help him grow as an artist and allow him to support stories he truly cares about.

His new chapter has already begun. Last week, his first theatrical production Lailaaj opened in Mumbai. His debut web series as a producer, Perfect Family, was released on YouTube on November 28. He said he hopes to produce a feature film in the next couple of years, adding that filmmaking is expensive but meaningful storytelling remains his priority, not profit.

Perfect Family follows a family seeking therapy after one member faces an anxiety attack. Tripathi said the show highlights the importance of mental health, especially in small towns where people often ignore emotional struggles. He also admitted he once dismissed therapy but now recognises its value and believes it should be normalised like any common illness. Tripathi says this new phase will help him bring heartfelt stories to both stage and screen.

Balakrishna urges fans to stop animal sacrifice for 'Akhanda 2

Nandamuri Balakrishna has requested fans not to perform animal sacrifices during the release celebrations of Akhanda 2: Thaandavam. Referring to a past incident where fans beheaded a goat, he urged them to show compassion and respect towards all living beings. He reminded followers that animals also have a right to live and asked them to stop such harmful traditions.

AKHANDA TWO Cleared For Release With Long Runtime

Sources in the film industry say that the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) has cleared director Boyapati Sreenu's much-awaited action entertainer Akhanda 2: Thaandavam, starring Nandamuri Balakrishna. Although no official announcement has been made yet, the film is said to have a runtime of 166 minutes, which is 2 hours and 44 minutes. The movie is scheduled for a worldwide release on December 5.

The update comes soon after production house 14 Reels Plus released a new teaser on its X page. Along with the teaser link, the team said that every frame reflects divine fury. The teaser shows India's enemies planning attacks, and Balakrishna appearing as a fierce sadhu. In his powerful style, he says, Where there is a bad, parallely, there is a God! Be brave. The visuals suggest that his character draws strength from a divine force and takes on black magic sorcerers helping the country's enemies.

The teaser also hints at strong action sequences and a plot where Balakrishna's character fights both external threats and evil spiritual forces trying to disturb peace. Sources say the film is presently in its final stage of post-production.

Akhanda 2: Thaandavam is produced on a large scale by Raam Achanta and Gopichand Achanta under the 14 Reels Plus banner, and presented by M. Tejaswini Nandamuri. Boyapati Sreenu, known for his mass entertainers, is said to have created an even bigger world for this sequel. S. Thaman's background score is expected to add more intensity to the high-voltage scenes.

Composer Says Delhi Crime Three Expanded His Creative Limits

Hollywood music composer Ceiri Torjussen says working on the background score for the third season of the acclaimed series Delhi Crime helped him explore new creative ideas and pushed him to try unfamiliar methods. The six-episode season, released on November 13, is directed by Tanuj Chopra and stars Shefali Shah, Rajesh Tailang, and Rasika Dugal.

Torjussen said the response to the music has been astonishing and far stronger than he expected. He explained that his goal this season was not only to build tension but also to bring out the deep human cost behind the crimes shown in the story. According to him, the real challenge was finding the right balance between the cruelty of the criminals and the strength, pain, and vulnerability of the young girls affected by them. If the music makes viewers feel both fear and empathy at the same time, Torjussen believes he has succeeded.

The composer praised director Tanuj Chopra, saying they share a strong creative understanding. He added that they have worked together on a few projects before Delhi Crime, which helped them communicate openly from the start. Torjussen said Chopra gave him the freedom to experiment, try new ideas, and find different ways of shaping the sound of each scene.

He also said the process allowed him to react naturally to the script and later adjust the score as the editing continued. Finding a mix of realism, suspense, and emotional relief became his main focus for every episode. Torjussen said this season pushed him creatively, and he is grateful to Chopra for trusting his vision.

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